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REVELATION CHURCH



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Revelation Church is a vibrant and diverse church in North Central London. We love the Lord and one another passionately. We firmly believe that the good news of Jesus Christ brings hope and life to the communities that surround us in workplaces, homes and campuses.

We believe that the church really is the body of Jesus Christ on earth and as each member plays its part, we are being built together into a dwelling place for the Holy Spirit what a privilege!



# HOW ITALL BEGAN

## **OUR STORY**

Revelation Church London was born in 2006, when 12 adults and 5 children relocated to North Central London to shine our light for Jesus! We would gather in our homes for prayer, fellowship and food (the men and the women would cook on alternate Sundays!).

Our aim was to put our roots down into the area, loving God, one another and our neighbours and learning how to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit. It's been quite a ride! Whether it's navigating the challenges of trying to get rooted in such a transient city, or making many new friends as well as learning how to say 'Goodbye' well, or scratching our heads over eye-watering house and rent prices, or nomadically wandering from this venue for this meeting to that one for that one, somehow Jesus has built a beautiful thing! We are so grateful.

We've been able to help plant other churches, we've seen deep and powerful conversions, multiple baptisms, healings and life transformation. We love what God's doing!

# VISION

We're all about Jesus – knowing Him and making Him known! We're passionate about seeing people saved, healed, set free, discipled, equipped, empowered, and serving the body of Christ on our doorstep and to the nations! Across the years we've felt that God has focussed our attention as a Church into four areas:



### **300 Big People**

We believe in developing and discipling big people rather than focusing on big church. Our aim is to raise men and women who are committed to the body of Christ and extending the kingdom into North London, whilst holding the nations of the world in their hearts. Through the story of Gideon, God has spoken to us that we would be an unlikely army of 300.

### **Resourcing the Wider Body**

Many ministries that serve the body of Christ beyond the walls of Revelation Church are beginning to emerge. This is a tremendous privilege and blessing and an aspect we desire to keep central to who we are and what we do.





### **Planting Postcode by Postcode**

We are looking to plant churches across North London and we feel this is to be done by individuals, families and groups seeking to move to a new postcode to preach the gospel into the lives of neighbours and communities.

### **Planting into Nations**

Multiplication is a sign of health and it's our great joy to give birth to baby churches over and over again in different nations. We seek to do this by asking the questions "What is God stirring in people's hearts?", "Where do we feel a sense of God acting?" and we look to support and equip people in their journey to see God's kingdom advance across the nations.





# WE ARE FAMILY

# **SUNDAY SERVICES**

Our Sunday services at Rev are when we all come together to celebrate the fact that Jesus is alive and our sins are forgiven! Singing songs of praise and spending time in the Bible mean so much to us and central to our celebration is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as we pray for and encourage one another to receive fresh power to live for God.

We also break bread and drink wine every Sunday in order to remember what Jesus has done for us until He comes back again - this is another way that we encounter His living presence.

Our Sunday services are an all-age gathering which also involve special classes and groups for 0s-15s. We currently meet every Sunday at Maria Fidelis Catholic School between Kings Cross and Euston, where we start our services at 10.45am.

At Rev we consider our Sunday gatherings to be a high priority.

There's something about coming together with friends every week who are devoted to God through the highs and lows, that keeps assuring me that in putting Jesus first in everything I choose the wisest and most rewarding way to live.

# HERE TO SERVE

# STAFF & LEADERS

We believe the Bible gives us a clear and very attractive picture of what leadership looks like in Christ's Kingdom and in the church. We believe that godly leadership in the local Church is team focussed and led by one man, Jesus Christ.

We believe that God raises up, and the church recognises elders/pastors, who govern/shepherd the church. The team of pastors carries responsibility before God for the doctrine, discipline, direction and devotion of the church.

In scripture we see that deacons are to be appointed in order to release the pastors to do their work; deacons are those who serve in a capacity of senior responsibility.

Certain individuals in the church are released to work full-time or part-time for the church in order to accomplish our goals of caring for the church well and reaching out with mercy.





# DOING LIFE AS ONE

# GOSPEL COMMUNITIES

We believe that the church is called to be a family and one of the ways that plays out at Rev is through Gospel Communities (GCs).

Gospel Communities are the heartbeat of Rev; they're where we gather to seek God together, share our lives with one another and spur each other on as we seek to share the good news of Jesus.

**Gospel -** because we want the good news of Jesus to be at the centre of everything we do.

**Communities -** because as followers of Jesus we believe we are called to live our lives not in isolation but in community.

All our Gospel Communities are based around specific local areas and are made up of Rev'ers living there. GCs meet midweek and spend time studying the bible, praying together, sharing who Jesus is and what he's done for them within the community.

Our GC meets up once a week, but between that, someone might shout: "burgers are half price! Who's coming?", we share life together. It is a safe space to share, and encourage one another in prayer and the word. We always start by eating together, sometimes with rather odd combinations of food and we alternate between Bible studies, social evenings and praise nights. We are a funny bunch, so very different from each other, but we do feel like a family. Jesus reigns!

# GOT YOUR BACK

# RUNNING PARTNERS

Hebrews chapter 12 verse 1 talks about 'running the race with endurance' – too much for anyone to do alone! At Rev we encourage everyone to find running partners – 2 or 3 others they can run the race with.

In running partners we pray, read the Bible and share the details of our lives together. We believe that as we do this regularly we will be protected and sharpened by each other through a blend of encouragement, accountability and challenge.

Meeting regularly with a sister who I know is committed to my good, even when that may involve tough love, and who knows my history, is such a blessing and encouragement. I know that we can be honest with each other and both have the same goal at heart in sharing our lives; to push each other closer to Jesus, to become more like him and to see what he wants to do in and ground us.



# ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER, AND ALL THE MORE AS YOU SEE THE DAY DRAWING NEAR.

Hebrews 10:25



# REJOICE IN HOPE, BE PATIENT IN TRIBULATION, BE CONSTANT IN PRAYER.

**Romans 12:12** 

# OUR VOICES HEARD

### **PRAYER**

The Bible is clear - God acts on behalf of those who wait for Him. This waiting isn't passive waiting like sitting at a bus stop, but it's seeking, yearning, crying out, longing, groaning and watching to see what the Lord is doing in response to our prayers.

We are deeply committed to prayer as we believe that it is a key part of the real business of church life. We don't think too much lasting fruit can really be borne without much prayer and we believe that it's God's desire for His church to be a house of prayer for all nations.

Wherever you find us, you'll find us praying because our connectivity to Jesus Christ and His real presence is the only thing that marks us out from any other organisation or gathering.

We pray together every Tuesday morning. We pray together on Sundays before the service and as we break bread during the service. We pray three times a year on a Friday evening. We pray in our running partners. We pray in our Gospel Communities. We pray when we're by ourselves. We pray and God answers.

# FRELY GIVEN IN LOVE

### **GIVING**

We encourage all believers to be giving to their local Church. Here at Rev we believe Paul's encouragement in 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 is characteristic of what our giving should look like - both generous and cheerful.

Generous because we give out of the generosity with which God has blessed us, and cheerful because we give not under compulsion, but freely.

The people of Israel would tithe 10% of their income as an offering of their first fruits to support temple duties. Tithing is referred to from Genesis to Matthew and we see it as a helpful starting point for giving.

We are confident that as you search the scriptures and your heart, God will make it clear and give you grace to sow radically into His kingdom, walking free from the love of money and learning God's ways with your finances. After all, 'you cannot serve two masters' Matthew 6:24.

Details for how to give can be found below. For alternate giving options and further details on gift aid, please visit our website.

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# WE ARE ONE BODY

### **SERVING**

In Jesus we have the ultimate Servant King. He was very clear that if we belong to Him, then we follow in His footsteps. Through His own example, Jesus has made sacrificial service – laying down our lives for one another – a normal part of the Christian life.

At Rev we encourage everyone to find a way of serving – on Sunday mornings, and throughout the week, in the big and in the small, sometimes seen, many times in secret As we serve, sometimes it costs us but most of the time it's just a lot of fun, where we build good friendships and definitely get a lot of joy out of using our gifts.

It's hard to be a 'pew warmer' at Rev - sooner or later you'll want to get involved and play your part, and you'll be able to do this by using your gifts for the building up of the church and reaching those who don't yet know Jesus.





# FULL OF LIFE

# **REV KIDS**

We believe that children are a gift from God and we love having kids as part of the family at Rev. Psalm 78 says 'tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.' We want to do all that we can to share who Jesus is and what he's done with the kids at

Rev and equip them for a life of faith.

Every week our Rev Kids are able to explore the Gospel through songs and activities and have loads of fun along the way. Each Sunday our kids join us for a time of praise together before heading out to their groups for all ages from 0-11.

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I like how we can come together at Rev Kids to learn about Jesus, have fun, play games and hear about the stories in the Bible!





# THE NEXT GEN

YOUTH

We are passionate about helping our young men and women navigate the challenges they face everyday and enabling them to hear the good news of Jesus in language they understand.

### **Sunday Mornings**

Each week our teenagers have opportunities to get together with friends, read the bible and explore questions about all areas of life and faith with each other. We want to see all of our teenagers grow in to men and women who know who God is and are prepared for the lives ahead of them.

### **Midweek Evenings**

Youth can be anything from a film night to ask anything nights! We love being able to share God's love with our teenagers whether that's over difficult questions or a bake-off challenge!

### **Newday**

Every summer we take our teenagers to Newday which is a week long, Christian youth festival where thousands of young people gather to learn more about Jesus and have a load of fun camping together.

When I was 11 or 12 I wanted a youth group and now there is one and I love it and it's been really helpful and I really love it!



# STUDY AND LEARN

# **STUDENTS**

"Students, students, students"
was one of the earliest prophetic
encouragements we received. In the
first few years of Rev we attracted
a lot of students and many of them
helped form the foundation of who
we are. Years later, many of those
students have become true pillars,
still investing and shaping much of
who we are.

We are passionate about students reaching their campuses and building the kingdom here in our city (many of our students serve on Christian Union committees looking for opportunities to bring God's kingdom into the lives of others at a formative time). If you are a student please do come along and get plugged in.

Time together as students has been a brilliant extra place for making friends and having fun. I've felt very welcomed by those who lead to come to them anytime I need someone to talk to, or need extra support. Students and leaders alike are a real pleasure and encouragement to spend time with. I love that the emphasis is on being part of the body of Christ as a whole and on helping us to become more involved in church life.

# LOVE OUR CITY

## **FOODBANK**

We began our Foodbank with the expressed desire to feed those around who struggled to feed themselves. We believe that care for the poor is a key value for the Church.

We partner with Trussell Trust in this project and we have seen consistent growth in the number of clients we are able to serve. Foodbank is a wonderful way to connect with other believers, serve together and even witness the practical love of Jesus to clients and volunteers alike.

Foodbank opens every Thursday morning and Adrienne, our Foodbank manager, loves welcoming new volunteers. To find out more you can contact her on

0207 483 3763 info@chalkfarm.foodbank.org.uk

or visit our website at

www.revelationchurch.org.uk/foodbank





DO NOT NEGLECT TO DO GOOD AND TO SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE, FOR SUCH SACRIFICES ARE PLEASING TO GOD.

Hebrews 13:16

# FREE THE CAPTIVE

### **DEBT CENTRE**

At Revelation Church, we partner with Christians Against Poverty (CAP). Our CAP centre helps those struggling with the crippling effects of debt. We look to help those most desperate, many of whom will be facing bankruptcy or eviction.

We passionately believe that the Gospel is good news to all, as Paul writes in Colossians 2:4 'cancelling the record of debt that stands against us' through His death and resurrection. It is such good news, especially for those that know the devastating affects monetary debt can have.

We believe that the Gospel offers more than just relief from earthly debt, but freedom from the spiritual debt that we owed for our own sin.

If you want to get involved serving alongside our wonderful centre manager Ruth as a 'befriender', CAP money coach, or faithful prayer warrior then please do contact us on:

ruthcracknell@capuk.org

If you need help with debt, freephone **0800 328 0006** or visit **capuk.org** 

# REACH THE NATIONS

# OUR CHURCH PLANTS

We believe that multiplication is a sign of health and so it's our great joy to give birth to baby churches over and over again.

We are currently involved in nurturing a number of church plants in Europe, the Middle East and the Far East through prayer, finance and hands-on involvement, as well as beginning to engage with what it looks like to plant churches in London.

We believe that the Lord has spoken to us specifically about planting churches in North Central London postcode by postcode. We planted a church into Tottenham in 2021 and we hope to plant many more of these in the coming years.

Tottenham Church Plant began as a Gospel Plant, which is a group of people focussed on reaching an area for Christ, with the plan to plant a church from the expected harvest.



# PLAY OUR PART

# RELATIONAL MISSION

As we read the New Testament we view an inspiring picture of the partnership between local churches and apostles. We see apostles either planting local churches or getting involved early on in their life in order to lay good foundations.

We see local churches receiving apostles and their co-workers in order to keep healthy and stay engaged in the bigger picture of reaching the nations.

We believe that it's God's plan for this dynamic to continue working today, and so we, as a local church, are partnering with a number of apostles and their co-workers and together we call ourselves 'Relational Mission' or 'RM'. Essentially it does what it says on the tin: from a place of affection, trust and agreement (relationship) we partner together to play our part in getting the job done of reaching the world for Jesus (mission)!

We are primarily involved in planting and supporting churches, developing leaders and empowering the poor, both in this nation and across the world.

www.relationalmission.org



COMPLETE MY JOY
BY BEING OF THE
SAME MIND, HAVING
THE SAME LOVE, BEING
IN FULL ACCORD AND
OF ONE MIND.

Philippians 2:2

# WANT TO KNOW MORE?

### **Church Office**

Opening Times 9am-5pm (Mon-Fri) 07515 486 668 hello@revelationchurch.org.uk

### Foodbank

0207 483 3763 info@chalkfarm.foodbank.org.uk

### **Debt Counseling**

If you need help with debt, freephone 0800 328 0006 or visit capuk.org

### **Sunday Services**

10:45am-12:15pm Maria Fidelis Catholic School 1 Drummond Crescent, London, NW1 1LY

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