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The purpose of creating a vision book is to communicate with clarity the mission, values and vision of Renewal.

We are part of a church with a rich history and a strong legacy. A church which started with one person's heart to establish a work for God. That work was to build a Spirit-filled church in order to convey the gospel and reach the community in the heart of the nation.

From those origins, hundreds, if not thousands, of lives have been

changed by the power of the name of Jesus. We believe God has called us as a church for this time and we are excited to see Renewal's next chapter unfold.

We now come together to honour the past and serve the future. From one person's dream many can carry this vision forward. There is more to do!

We hope that you see that people are at the heart of Renewal and Jesus is at the centre. As you read this book may your heart be stirred in vision as ours is. May you see that our mission is clear and will not change, but our practice will be to adapt to see more people reached.

Each year we will set vision goals and dream dreams of what God can do through the movement that is Renewal.

Our hope for you in reading this, is that you will know who we are, what we stand for, where we are going and what you can do. We invite you on our mission to lift up the name of Jesus.

We are **Renewal**This is **Chapter 2**

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"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

John 12:32 (ESV)

Renewal exists to lift up the name of Jesus. We lift Jesus up in our words, our actions, by our worship, by preaching the gospel, through the power and presence of the Spirit, through acts of giving and acts of service. We lift up Jesus' name in our Christian life example; wherever we are, whoever we are with.



And His name will be the hope of all the world.

Matthew 12:21 (NLT)

The mission will never change – 'the name of Jesus is to be lifted up.' The good news of the gospel that Jesus saves will continue to be proclaimed and demonstrated in the heart of the nation through us. We do this so many can have the same hope that we have. The present cultural currents mean that every individual today

is confronted with a staggering number of ideologies, lifestyles and faith options, all competing for their attention; we want the name of Jesus Christ to be known. Although the current trend is that all options are equally valid and equally true, we believe that the name of Jesus ascends above all and is the only way to God.

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth.

Philippians 2:9-10 (NKJV)

For every person, we believe that it is in Jesus they discover who they really are. Without this clear purpose we really have no foundation on which to base life decisions, as we tend to make choices based upon circumstances, desires or pressures. Whilst we may all have different passions, as followers of Jesus we all have the same purpose; to lift up the name of Jesus in all we do.

We see our church being so dynamic in worship and clear in lifestyle, that others will be drawn to the name of Jesus. Once drawn, they can have life and hope in His name. We would love to see thousands more added to the church in the years ahead.

From the outset, we declare our clear intention to exceed the barrier of 2000 regular attenders to our services across all our locations each and every week.



Renewal's values are what we do alongside what we believe.

Values are defined as our core beliefs and stimulate how we behave, act, dream and plan. Every organisation and church has a culture and a set of values. Some intentional. Some accidental. Some aspirational. They are a combination of what you create and what you allow.

Values, in short, are what matters most. Healthy churches do not happen by accident. What we value determines what we do. What we believe determines how we behave. To hold to the highest standards of representing the name of Jesus, **The Core Four** will lead our redemptive mission to the heart of the nation:

We Are Family
We Are Generational
We Are Multi-Cultural
We Are Renewal

If we truly accept and live by these values and the standards Jesus sets for us, we would offer the world an authentic Christian counterculture. We are defined as a body of believers that gathers with both intent and order. The church is to serve as the ongoing work of Jesus, as His hands and His feet, to reach out to a deeply fallen world and call it back to God.

We must not copy the nature of the world around us, nor be combative separatists. We are called to be countercultural in an impactful manner to a post-Christian generation. We need to be relevant but resolute in our faith and we need people from all walks of life to achieve this!





We are God's family; just as we have been welcomed, we are welcoming. Just as we belong to God, we belong to each other. Just as God supports us, we support each other.

As part of God's family our relationships with each other matter deeply, both to us and to God. This is why we seek to create an environment where

each of the family can grow, develop and find their place. We are united; loyal to the family name and committed to building upon the foundations of our past.

It is our hope, that by actively demonstrating what it means to be part of God's family, we will in turn be a witness to others about what it means to follow Jesus. Through each of our locations we

get the opportunity to affect the world around us, influence others and be relevant to human need.

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You are members of God's family. Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.

Ephesians 2:19-20 (NLT)

- How do I ensure everyone feels part of the family?
- Are you connected?
- O Do we see other people through God's eyes?



The best way to care for any individual is to bring them into God's best for their life. We love and uphold God's word without compromise. As a result of this, we know that everyone matters.

We acknowledge that we have different backgrounds and we celebrate diversity. But as a body, we find and express our unity in our kingdom culture. We create scope and space for this to be fully seen in its beauty. We actively seek out people different from us and engage culture so we can be effective in sharing this good news to all. There is both an individual and corporate responsibility. Who are you, and we, inviting?

Being judged by appearance is prevalent in the world today. We

will challenge one another to step out of our comfort zones and engage with those different to ourselves. Christ died for all and the church is for all those who surrender their lives and make Him Lord and Saviour in spite of history, background or status.



For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28 (NLT)

- How do I maximise our inclusivity?
- O How do we represent the complete church family?
- Who are you, and we, inviting?





God works in each generation. We are here today as part of something that started before us and will continue way beyond our time. In seeking to honour the past and serve the future, we endeavour to bridge relationships across the life of the church. It takes great effort to interact. Encouragement, honouring, being sacrificial and learning how to release and receive, have a big

role to play. We all have a duty to ensure a continuation of the church for generations to come.

The kingdom of God is hugely interdependent and reliant on each generation having the heart to encourage whatever is coming next. We are all the result of the faithfulness and commitment of those who have gone before and want the church to go on to

achieve much greater things.



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 (NIV)

- How do I consider and serve what is best?
- Are you releasing or receiving from others?
- O Do we welcome and reflect people at every life stage?



As a Spirit-led church our very essence is transformational and life changing. This will mean continuous movement, progression and change as we explore new ways for both the short and long-term. Our origins are to be pioneering.



Be renewed in the spirit of your minds.
Ephesians 4:23 (ESV)

We will focus on seeing the lives of individuals changed and for us as a collective to lead the way in God's kingdom. We all are Spiritled; growing and cultivating an ongoing servant hearted lifestyle. As you are being renewed we hope that you experience:

Rebirth & Regeneration Revitalisation & Revival Resurrection & Resurgence Each of these aspects bears the marks of personal and corporate renewal. We want to be a church where people find new life in Christ and grow in His likeness. When did you last experience something new in God? When did we last do something fresh?



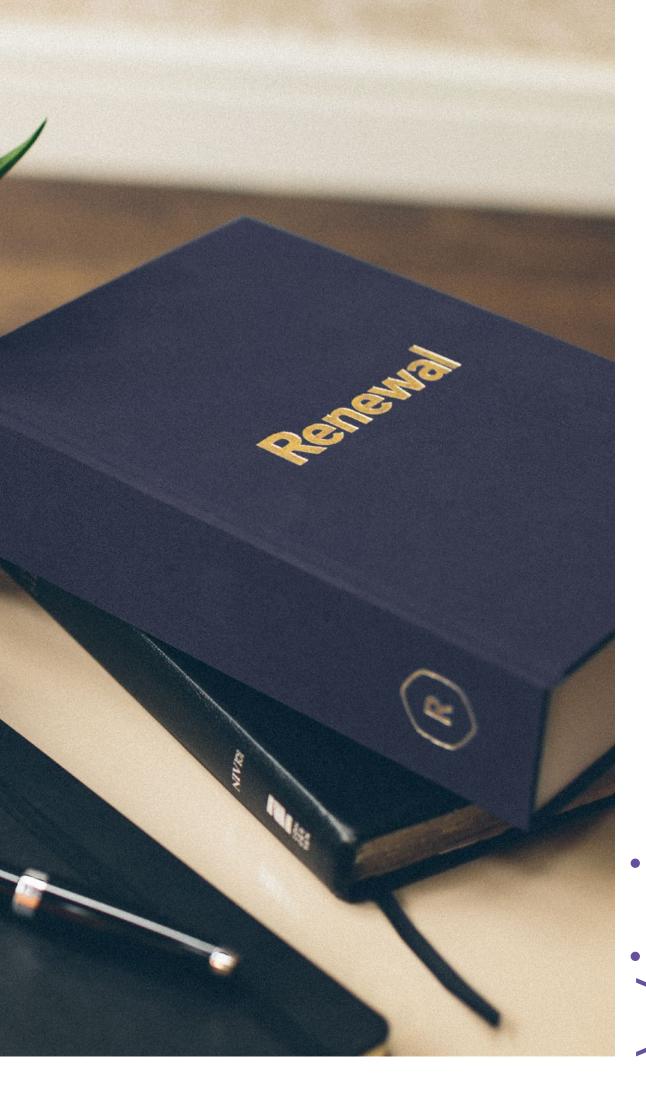
Put on the new self, which is being renewed.

Colossians 3:10 (NIV)

- O How do we ensure people are responsible and accountable for change?
- Are you growing in God?
- O Do we live for more than a meeting?









We are Renewal

'We Are Renewal' is more than a tag-line; it is an identity. We seek to engage you to action, to take ownership and to play your part on our team. There is no sitting on the sidelines, no shouting from the stands, but we are all shaped for serving God through action.

We have a vision to see a large, strategic, multi-cultural, generational, family church engaging and thriving in the heart of the UK across various locations.

We will be vibrant and dynamic, strong in Spirit and Word, renewing lives and growing as Christians. To be great at Renewal is to serve.

Together we will be a welcoming place for you to bring a friend, but we will be uncompromising so that all will know what we stand for.

We will be large enough for gatherings to have great impact and small enough for relationship, so each one can belong and find their place – where each one finds the space to fulfil the call that God has for their lives.



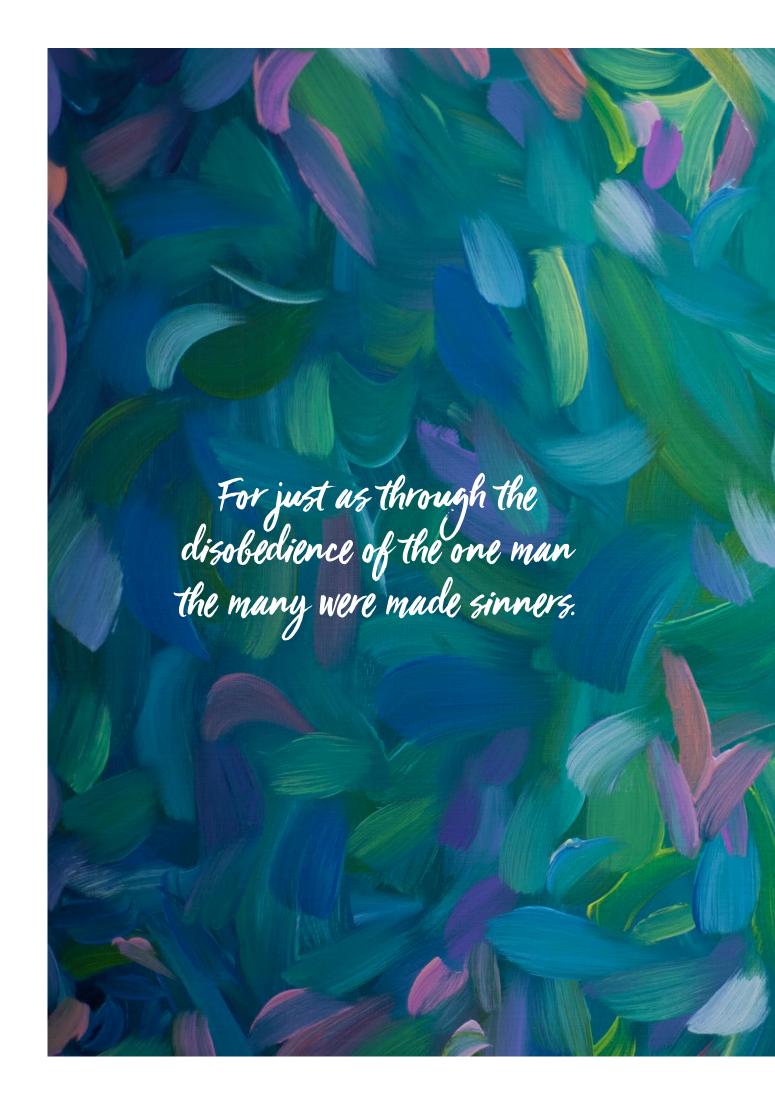
He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

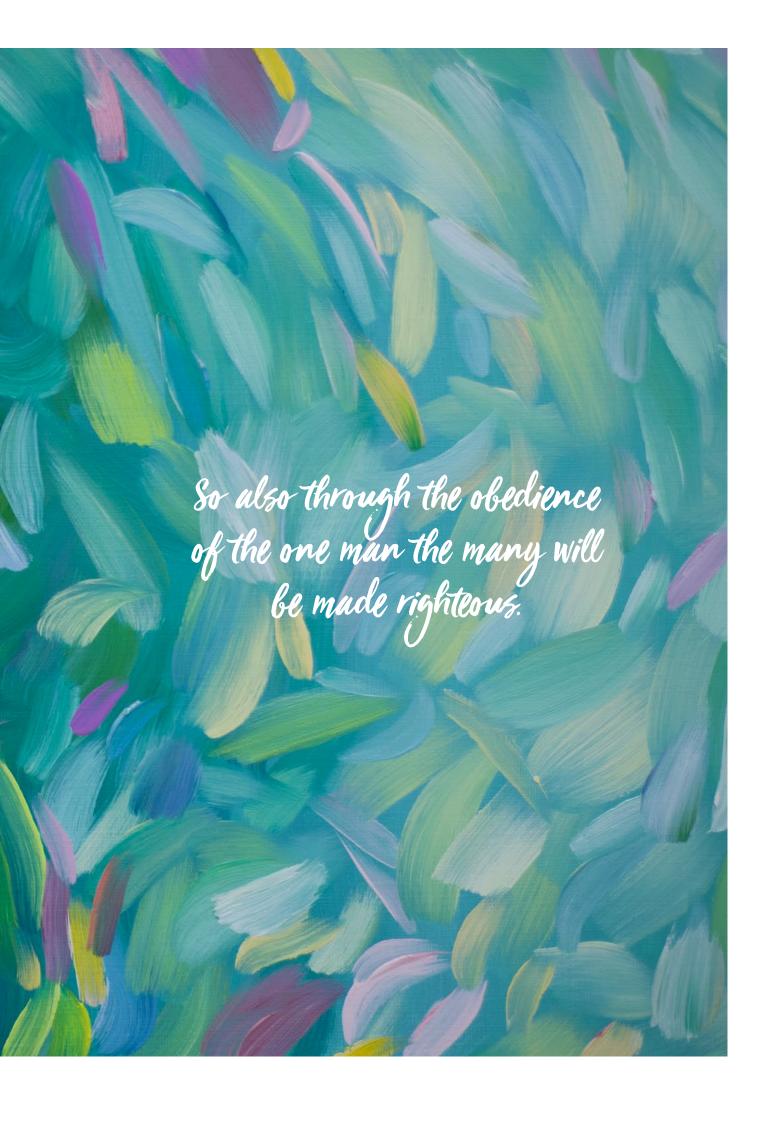
Ephesians 4:16 (NLT)

What has been written to this point has been an incredible chapter of God's favour and blessing. We believe now there are new pages to be scribed.

This is not singular in authorship. Many can make their mark and imprint in the annals of Renewal's history. We fondly remember many who have gone before us and look to the many that are still to come. What is certain about the future (but often impossible to predict) is that God's plan is for us to accomplish something together – as a local church and with wider partnerships.









From one.

God often starts with something small before that grows to much. Everything we have, comes from God. Everything we see grow, is because God made it grow.

Our call is one of faithfulness and obedience. That is why every one thing that is done in the name of Jesus, counts.

'From one to many' is shown through our How's. These include

our Services, our Locations, our Centres, our Groups, our Teams, Salvations and our People.

All of these started with one person, at one time.

'From one to many' is also shown in what each one can do. Our Do's include our prayers, healings, our acts of worship, our generosity and every way we meet practical needs. We want to shape, connect and place importance upon every child, every youth, every senior, every single person, every marriage, every family or household.

Every 'one' matters at Renewal. Every idea, every word, every action. In God, who makes all things possible, anything we want to see multiplied can be blessed from one to many!





A story of great length has chapters. A chapter structures what is being written into sections. Our story began in August 1972 when the church was founded. Many amazing and life changing things have occurred along the way and thousands of lives have been touched, shaped and saved.

There has been sadness and grief, disappointment, times of survival and deep change. All those who have been there from the very beginning can testify to God's faithfulness all along the way. As Chapter 1 comes to a conclusion it is not the end – a page is turned as Chapter 2 now begins. The same words and details are not recorded, as new things are now being written. It is the same story with new ideas and new characters. Renewal is not starting again, it is not being scrapped and something else rising up in its place. It is a page turn in time, a new chapter of history, one that continues the

great things that have been and are to come.

That is why our DNA, the identifying characteristics of who we are, are made visible. People will note difference but sense something familiar.

Overall, we are not writing for our own glory or notoriety. Our story is only part of His story.

We have a goal to resource others for inspiration and to be



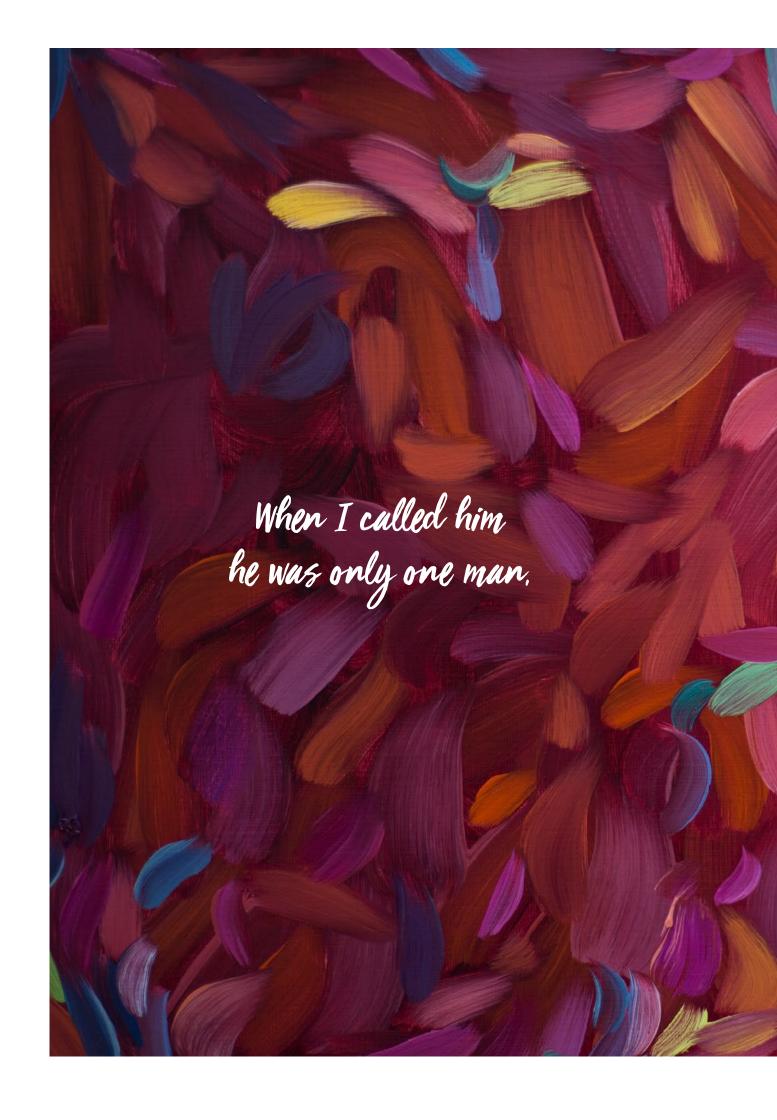
creative. Jesus often said: "It is Written." We record our heart to let people read, hear and see our message all in our representation of following Him. Chapter 2 is only just beginning...



"But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name."

John 20:31 (NLT)









As we look to our future we are trusting God to see our influence grow. We want to build the right infrastructure, facilities, systems and strategies to meet this end. To fulfil this heart for expansion, we are looking to see our giving grow year on year, to see a vibrant prayer army and those committed to community causes increase, strengthen and deepen.

Our strategy to mobilise, begins with strengthening what we already have and administering reviews of all our current work. We would love to maximise every individual into a purpose of service and raise up the next generation into commitment and leadership. Furthermore, we want to see the teams we run increase in people serving upon them.

Our operations include building the best staff team possible, looking after our volunteers, ways to meet the needs of our communities, ensuring healthy governance and meeting all our deliverables with excellence. Every year these will be reviewed to monitor our progress and ensure we are continuing to embody our vision.

It starts with our hearts

Together we gather to lift up the name of Jesus, to celebrate, witness, preach the gospel, give, serve, pray and be family. Together we gather to connect for deepening relationships. Together we gather to invite others so they can experience the presence of God. All these heart connections add to our mission.

And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.

Mark 12:30 (NLT)

It grows within our lives

In every place, to every person, with every means, we are lifting up the name of Jesus. We will equip people for their everyday. So wherever we go, we do good through our actions, we show we care, with a servant hearted culture and we model a godly lifestyle of faith and power.

Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught.

Colossians 2:7 (NIT)

It spreads to others

We want people to find Christ, be filled with His Spirit and know what He has called them to do. We want to grow as a church and see many new believers added to us. Sharing the Good News by showing we care spreads the word of God to many.

And the King will say,
'I tell you the truth, when
you did it to one of the
least of these my brothers
and sisters, you were doing
it to me!'

Matthew 25:40 (NLT)



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