

Kings Centre

Church Profile

One Church · Two Sites — St Thomas Philadelphia & Kings Centre

Kings Centre is looking for its next leader. We are a warm, all-age, family-friendly church in Nether Edge, Sheffield — one of two bases that together make up Network Church Sheffield (NCS). We are in a season of transition, and we believe God is doing a new thing among us. We are looking for someone with vision and a pastoral heart, who will love this congregation as it is, and lead it into what it is becoming, fully rooted in, and shaped by, the wider vision God has given NCS for the years ahead.

Overview

Kings Centre was planted around 30 years ago by Sheffield House Church, and in 2009 joined together with St Thomas Philadelphia, a church planted from St Thomas Crookes in 1998, to form Network Church Sheffield. Together we carry Anglican, Baptist and House Church roots, and we continue to value our connections with each of these traditions. We are a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Kings Centre meets on Union Road, Nether Edge (S11 9EH), and throughout the week in local communities across the south-west of the city. Sundays follow a monthly rhythm: Café Church on the first Sunday; a service with children's and youth groups on the second, fourth and fifth Sundays; and on the third Sunday, communities meet locally with one gathering at Kings Centre for Praise and Prayer in the evening.

Kings Centre is currently held by a committed lay leadership team, alongside a voluntary associate pastor, with wider NCS staff supporting children's and youth provision. The new leader will join at a good moment: a congregation that knows and loves this place, ready to be led into its next chapter together.

Vision & Values

Kings Centre's own values have long been family and belonging, discipleship and mission lived out in community, and a life led by the Holy Spirit and the Word. These are not separate from NCS's wider vision — they are Kings Centre's local expression of it.

Across NCS, our shared calling is captured in the phrase we are living into for 2026–27:

“On Earth as in Heaven — Worshipping Jesus, Loving One Another, Transforming Our World.”

We describe ourselves as not a one-day-a-week service church, but a seven-day-a-week serving church: church is not something we attend, but a people we are, everywhere, all week. We hold together three dimensions of need Scripture names as poverty — spiritual, relational and material — and pursue all three, because in heaven none of them exist. This is one gospel, expressed in word and deed together.

We long for Kings Centre to be a place where this vision takes on flesh and blood in Nether Edge: Spirit-led worship that makes room for God to move, a community where every generation belongs and plays its part, and a mission that flows naturally out of discipleship rather than sitting alongside it.

You can read NCS's full 2026–27 vision at ncsheffield.org/vision-2026-2027.

Current Reality

Kings Centre is a committed, all-age congregation, smaller than it has been in the past, gathered around a wide range of ages, experience and gifts. It is a truly intergenerational community with real depth of relationship and a strong instinct to serve.

Our current ministries and mission activities include:

- Foodbank — every Tuesday, 12:30–2:00pm
- King's Kids Toddler Group — Mondays and Fridays, 10:15–11:45am, plus a Thursday support group for pre-mobile babies and their parents
- Cuppa Club — third Wednesday of the month, 1:30–2:30pm
- Men's Soup Group — first Thursday of the month, 1–2pm
- God's Gangs — midweek discipleship groups for 8–11s and 11–14s, with Refined (14–18s) meeting on Sundays at St Thomas Philadelphia
- Devotions (term time) and weekly Zoom Prayers
- Disciple-making communities meeting across south-west Sheffield

Most people who are part of Kings Centre are already serving in some capacity, a sign of real ownership, but one that also limits reserve and can put pressure on rotas. As with many churches of our size, we are being careful and prayerful stewards of our resources, and this is an important part of what the new leader will need to hold with wisdom.

Strengths & Opportunities

- A strong sense of family: good, warm relationships both within the congregation and with those who engage through our mission activities
- Supportive small groups and communities that encourage and disciple one another
- A wide range of ages, gifts and skills across church life, and real depth of experience and maturity reflected in people's willingness to serve
- A history of pioneering city-wide initiatives — including Arise (city-wide prayer), Baby Basics, Kings Sports Camps and the S6 Foodbank
- An established, trusted presence in Nether Edge, with several open doors into the local community already in regular use

This is fertile ground for a leader who wants to build on what is already good, rather than start from nothing.

Challenges & Needs

- A shared desire to go deeper in worship, and to build our worship team
- A heart to see more young people and families join us, and to help those connecting through our mission activities take steps toward following Jesus
- A wish to grow our support for youth and children's discipleship, so it can deepen as they grow
- Rota and capacity pressure, given our size, which can limit what we're able to take on

We are honest about these things because they matter, and because we believe the right leader will see them not as obstacles but as an invitation, to build, to grow capacity, and to help Kings Centre step into a fuller expression of what God has for it.

The Wider Network — Network Church Sheffield

Kings Centre is one of NCS's two bases, and fully part of one church. Whoever leads here leads as part of the whole NCS leadership team, and we are committed to Kings Centre's voice being heard clearly in how we plan, pray and govern together as one church, two sites.

NCS's vision for 2026–27 is a deepening of a calling God has been forming in us over recent years, not a change of direction. Everything we do flows from five shared priorities:

- Prayer & Presence — drawing from the wells: prayer first, plan second
- Buildings as Mission Hubs — developing our sites as true seven-day-a-week places of welcome, hospitality and hope
- Communities — simple, hospitable, multiplying gatherings of food, friendship, Scripture and prayer
- Whole-Life Discipleship — following Jesus Monday to Saturday, not only on Sundays
- Partnerships & Tribe — travelling with those God gives us, within NCS and beyond it

The new Kings Centre leader will be a full member of the NCS Leadership Team and an NCS Trustee, contributing to and shaping this wider mission. In practice, this means being part of our regular team life together, sharing in planning and vision-setting across both sites, and helping us keep building real cross-pollination between Kings Centre and St Thomas Philadelphia in worship, preaching, prayer and youth and children's ministry.

NCS is governed by a board of trustees representing both bases, and employs all staff, including this role, through The Philadelphia Network Limited.

Local Context — Nether Edge

Kings Centre sits in Nether Edge, a leafy, mixed and increasingly diverse part of south-west Sheffield, home to a wide range of families, students and long-standing residents. Our Foodbank, toddler groups and Cuppa Club already put us in regular, trusted contact with people well beyond our Sunday congregation, and there is real opportunity to deepen these connections into lasting relationship and, in time, discipleship.

Future Hopes

We are in a season of new wine and new wineskins, and we are excited about what God is doing. Looking ahead, we hope to see:

- Continued pursuit of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, including the prophetic, in our life together
- Fresh ways to reach our community, building on the mission activities already bearing fruit
- Real growth and fruitfulness in our church family, and people in Nether Edge coming to faith
- Kings Centre fully alive to NCS's wider 2026–27 vision, drawing deeply from prayer, becoming a true seven-day mission hub, multiplying community, and growing whole-life disciples

This is a compelling opportunity for a leader with vision and a heart for mission, to serve within a collaborative, disciple-making culture that is releasing, empowering and outward-focused — and to help shape not only Kings Centre's future, but NCS's, as one church with two sites.