

# ST NIC'S

## CONTEXT AND VISION

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St Nic's is an evangelical, charismatic, Anglican church situated on Maid Marian Way, the main thoroughfare through the city of Nottingham. We aim to be 'city-centre focused and locally expressed' with Missional Communities operating across the city during the week. The church is very involved in serving the city through social action and justice, and is deeply committed to the prayer and unity movement, Nottingham City Prayer. Our four values are Loving God, Making Disciples, Seeking the Kingdom, and Healing the City.



### RIGHT NOW

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This post comes at an exciting time. We see God taking us through a period of accelerated change and opportunity. Our ministry to refugees and asylum seekers has enabled the church to become much more socially diverse. While St Nic's has always been known for its teaching ministry, it is evident that God is bringing other gifts to the fore: evangelism, prophecy, and apostolic leadership. The city centre is developing around us, and we have plans for a new church centre.

### OUR YOUTH

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The youth ministry at St Nic's has fluctuated over the years. Lockdown was difficult and now around 20 young people aged 11-18 are actively involved. The youth work is served by a team of committed volunteers led by Adam and Emily Thomas. There is provision for youth up to the age of 14 on Sunday mornings ('Uncover'). The older youth ('Discover') meet on Sunday afternoons and are encouraged to stay on to the evening service. The youth leaders work closely with Rich Wood, our Children's and Families' Minister.

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Our existing youth work mainly caters for young people from families within the church and their close friends. As a church, we want to seek opportunities for outreach and to connect and share Jesus with the young people around the grounds of St Nic's and the city centre, who are often not familiar with a church setting. We have lots of great links and opportunities around us:

- We have good relations with NGY, adjacent to the church, which houses Base 51 and the City Council's youth provision. (For a number of years, we provided a 0.5 youth worker to NGY.)
- Nottingham Bluecoat Academy has moved its Sixth Form into the college buildings across the road from St Nic's. Every Monday morning 200 16- and 17-year-olds come into the church for their weekly acts of worship. On the back of that, we have started a drop-in for tea and toast for those who have a free period after the act of worship.
- There are high numbers of teenagers among the overseas communities we minister to, especially those from Latin America. We have just launched a Hispanic congregation. Similarly, we work closely with the Nottingham Chinese Christian Church, meeting in St Nic's on Sunday afternoons. They have had a huge influx of families from Hong Kong, including a good number of teenagers.
- Nottingham College serves 15,000 full-time and around 40,000 part-time tertiary students. Its new City Hub is within walking distance from St Nic's.
- Many young people commute to school and college via the city centre.

We see the potential for outreach to all these groups and for establishing missional outreach and discipleship groups among them. We are surrounded by the city, a perfect place to conduct youth ministry, including NGY who have said that their facilities can be made available. We have good relationships with other churches locally where partnerships can be built. We are looking for an entrepreneurial leader, an evangelist and team-builder, who has a big heart for young people and the vision, courage, creativity and faith required to make the most of these exciting opportunities.