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let's talk **Mission**



Vision 2025 to 2030
Shaking an Awakening

Our Vision for Refreshment

We believe in the God of the impossible and recognise our heart is for a vision to see 7000 people encouraged and equipped for mission. We believe that our role for the next five years is in the preparation of missionaries to see the church in the UK revived and refreshed by 2030.

As a charity, Refreshment UK encourages and equips Christians in the UK being obvious in the gospel, blessing the local church and engaging with the culture. They do this by providing mission hubs and experiences, mainly out of 7 locations across the UK.

The vision for the next five years includes the following:

MISSION TRAINING – we have our mission training centre in Blackpool which will host retreats, training courses for churches and a year-long discipleship programme called Breaking the Chains.

MISSION HUBS – we plant buildings that will form a base for changing the atmosphere in 7 towns across the UK. These buildings are provided rent-free for local teams to plan mission that brings help and hope.

MISSION OUTPUT – we enhance our mission hubs by planning a programme to encourage and equip Christians to be obvious about the gospel, bless the local church and engage with the culture.

MISSION COMMUNITY – we connect an army of ordinary people with a heart and vision to bring mission to the UK. The community will receive training, coaching and resources, and an annual national conference.

MISSION EXPERIENCES – we will provide space for people both overseas and in the UK to experience short-term mission trips giving people the opportunity to serve and develop their vision to serve God.

The five core values that Refreshment care about in the UK are:

Making Prayer Our Priority

The Renewing of the Mind

The Unity of the Broad Church

To Simply Love Jesus

To Be Spirit-Filled

Refreshment UK are a Christian charity who primarily subscribe to the Evangelical Alliance's statement of faith.

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Refreshment UK have been involved in short-term missions for nearly three decades, providing mission trips across the world, but since 2016, we have been focused on the UK and bringing mission from the church to the culture.

Our base has been Blackpool for the last decade, where we have used our residential training centre to find the mission field on the doorstep. We have partnered with 47 churches to deliver events and activities that are obvious in the gospel, bless the local church and engage with the culture.

In Blackpool, we host activities in some of the town's most famous locations, including The Blackpool Tower, Stanley Park and The Winter Gardens. We have hosted over a thousand missionaries in the UK from local churches, YWAM, The Boys Brigade and many more, who have found like us that nothing is impossible with God.

Let's Talk Mission is a great day to explore three key areas of the Refreshment UK vision and ministry – gospel, church and culture - as well as discuss with partners the potential for what could be done within a mission hub. A day will last from 10am to 3pm with drinks breaks, lunch, and include networking as well. This day will encourage you to truly see impossible things happening in your area.

Dates for 2025

Saturday 17 May	BLACKPOOL	(The Refresh Centre)
Saturday 14 June	BLACKPOOL	
Saturday 28 June	VENTNOR, ISLE OF WIGHT	
Saturday 5 July	HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE	
Saturday 6 September	WORCESTER	
Saturday 20 September	MILTON KEYNES	
Saturday 4 October	SOUTH SHIELDS	
Saturday 1 November	LLANDUDNO	

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The word over the UK seems to be an urgency for a wake-up call, based on Ephesians 5, as well as God wanting the shake the country and in response to that, we have a 5-year strategy as a response to see the UK church refreshed and alive.

Our big vision is to work towards 2029 – a 7-week period of mission that will take place right across the UK with an intense week of mission – **Refresh 2029**.

Potential Dates for 2029

9-15 July	BLACKPOOL	Main Event: Sat 14 July	BLACKPOOL FC
16-22 July	MILTON KEYNES	Main Event: Sat 21 July	MK DONS FC
23-29 July	WORCESTER	Main Event: Sat 28 July	PITCHCROFT
30 Jul - 5 Aug	HINCKLEY	Main Event: Sat 4 Aug	CLARENDON
6-12 August	LLANDUDNO	Main Event: Sat 11 Aug	VENUE CYMRU
13-19 August	SOUTH SHIELDS	Main Event: Sat 18 Aug	GYPSY'S GREEN
20-26 August	VENTNOR	Main Event: Sat 25 Aug	VENTNOR PARK

The mission hubs will form the base to prepare for Refresh 2029 and we would aim to raise funds to have a permanent home to build preparation for it.



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5 years of preparation

YEAR 1 – 2025 - The Year of Prayer

“The Church on its knees” – pushed to prayer

In the autumn, we will organise days of prayer in the towns to bring together people with passion and hunger. Interceding for the nation, these will be in public locations to unite the denominations.

BUILDINGS OPENED – Blackpool and The Refresh Centre

YEAR 2 – 2026 - The Year of Resilience

“The mind renewed” – changing the mindset

All activities push to a confidence in the gospel. We will work on a twelve-month programme of events and activities and training to push read it, remember it, believe it with the aim of getting people to believe that nothing is impossible with God.

BUILDINGS OPENED – Hinckley and The Refresh Centre Extension

YEAR 3 – 2027 – The Year of Community

“The UK reconciled” – healing relationships

We push churches from across denominations to encourage active events that recognise the division to bring healing. We work with umbrella organisations to bring true unity to the church and push LEPs to include thriving churches in the area. We will step up united mission weekends in each hub.

BUILDINGS OPENED – Ventnor and Worcester

YEAR 4 – 2028 – The Year of Worship

“The first love restored” – passion and hunger for Jesus

We tackle the lack of passion and hunger for Jesus, and develop a heart for reaching people, as well as increase the amount of worship happening in the hubs. We organise events that will really lead people to the throne room and develop proclamation as a weapon.

BUILDINGS OPENED – Llandudno and Milton Keynes

YEAR 5 – 2029 – The Year of Awakening

“The church on fire” – the UK shaken and awakened

The core of the whole vision would see us working towards organising large-scale missions in every location around our hubs across the year – 7 weeks of mission in the summer and 7 major events on Saturdays across the summer.

BUILDINGS OPENED – South Shields



OUR TEAM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Steve Hobin
Alan Walker

Phil Warne
Laura Cooper

Alistair Maxton-Livesey

NATIONAL TEAM (HEAD OFFICE) - 4 Members

National Director: **SIMON COOPER**
Fundraising Director

National Administration Director
Resourcing Director

BLACKPOOL (TRAINING CENTRE) - 4 Members

Director: Gregory Doughty
Operations Manager: Catherine Doughty

Prayer Director
Activities Director

BLACKPOOL (CORE GROUP) - 3 Members

Director: Peter Cunningham
Fundraising & Engagement Director: Julie Gilbert

Operations Manager

HINCKLEY (CORE GROUP) - 2 Members

Director

Operations Manager

VENTNOR (CORE GROUP) - 2 Members

Director: Neil McCarthy

Operations Manager

MILTON KEYNES (CORE GROUP) - 2 Members

Director: Rev James Asomaining

Operations Manager

WORCESTER (CORE GROUP) - 2 Members

Director: Peter Wood

Operations Manager

LLANDUDNO (CORE GROUP) - 2 Members

Director

Operations Manager

SOUTH SHIELDS (CORE GROUP) - 2 Members

Director

Operations Manager

Directors are part of the core team. Staff must be a Christian who is a regular attendee at a local church with a pastoral reference and understanding of the core values of Refreshment UK.

Blackpool

WHAT IS THE REFRESH CENTRE?

The Refresh Centre is a 14-bedroom former care home based in South Shore, Blackpool that has been hosting missionaries from across the world since 2016. Greg and Catherine Doughty are stewarding the property on a lease.

From the Refresh Centre, an environment has been created that welcomes both people on retreat and those on mission training to be in a place where they can meet God. The centre has single rooms across three floors.

The site is reserved for a mission training centre and it is perfect to welcome in a new programme that works alongside local organisations to provide Christian training for ex-offenders. Entitled '**Breaking the Chains**', the centre provides a year-long programme for 5 people, who will live on site, alongside a manager, and learn the life of a missionary.

The space enables the extra rooms to continue to welcome visitors who will be able to both retreat and be trained in the centre. Part of the mission training will include regular involvement in street outreach and prayer meetings, including Prayer at the Tower once a month.

WHAT IS REFRESH BLACKPOOL?

Our main mission will happen from Refresh Blackpool, a mission hub in the centre of Blackpool, and this space will provide the following:

The Christian Resource Centre is a hub that provides resources for people to enhance their own Christian faith, with items that can be retailed, read or borrowed

The Chat Cafe which provides a space for drinks on the ground floor, which also acts as a base for the 'Breaking the Chains' team to learn hospitality skills, and for local churches to run regular activities from there.

Refresh Blackpool is managed by Peter Cunningham and Julie Gilbert, and supported by a united team of Christians from across the town.

Hub Life

Ventnor – the activities here will centre around providing autism support

Worcester – the activities will be focused on a city centre response to social issues

Hinckley – the focus will be dealing with anxiety, mental health support and identity

South Shields – the focus will be on deprivation and mental health issues

Milton Keynes – the focus will be on proclamation and dealing with spiritual warfare

Llandudno – the focus will be on holiday makers and seafront evangelism

WHAT DOES A MISSION HUB LOOK LIKE?

The aim of a mission hub is to draw people together from across churches with a focus on being obvious in the gospel, blessing the local church and engaging with the culture.

The hub is led by a director and managed by a paid operations manager. Together, they build a team around them of Christians who will serve in various elements of the hub. These are called Refreshers and form part of a national network of pioneer missionaries, who support our vision, but independently serve – they are our army of ordinary people,

In a mission hub, there is the following:

- United worship once a month, in a secular location;
- National Prayer on Zoom at 7.30am (led by a different director);
- Weekly prayer meetings;
- An annual day conference for the local church to share ideas and vision (Let's Talk Mission);
- A day of fasting once a week;
- A week of focused mission once a year;
- A 7-day a week programme of activities that bless and enhance the work of the local church.

KEY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Running with Jesus sessions to support mental health and fitness
- Street Evangelism
- Regular Prayer Walks
- Offering Prayer Ministry working towards freedom
- Mental Health Support
- Chat Cafes and Resource Centres

the 400 club

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At Refreshment UK, we are passionate about bringing mission to the heart of a community and providing a hub where churches can work together to provide help and hope seven days a week. Our amazing vision for the 400 Club is to buy 7 buildings and a training centre across the UK to form the basis to allow Mission 2029 to happen.

By 2030, and completing our appeal, we can buy all of the buildings required and have 7 active mission hubs dealing with the fruit of Refresh 2029.

The 400 Club is focused on three stages:

GET GOING LIKE GIDEON - we will be looking for 300 partners at £400 each
BUILDING UP LIKE BARNABAS – Adding to the number of regular givers daily
ENDING UP LIKE ELIJAH – Finally recruiting 7000 fully paid-up members

With 7000 members raising £400 each, we expect to have a budget of £3million to achieve all of the vision of Refreshment UK. Members can fundraise in whatever they feel is appropriate

When we complete the Get Going like Gideon phase of this, we will be in a position to have a full-time member of staff who will be able to keep our supporters interested and build on the number of members of the club. Ideally, they will be based at the Head Office.

Resourcing

From our mission hubs, we will provide Christian resources from across the UK and produce our own resources to equip the Refreshers Community. This will include Bible studies, clothing and evangelistic resources to encourage and equip people, as well as a radio station.

Running with Jesus forms a big part of our resourcing and we will increase the campaigns to promote this across the UK to use it as an opportunity to share the gospel at big running events.

From our head office, we would look to recruit a resourcing director in 2026 as a full-time member of staff who will create, publicise and co-ordinate resources across the UK.

Mission Experiences UK and Overseas

Our intention will be to organise mission experiences both in the UK and overseas. We would organise these in partnership with the local hubs and look to develop our mission trips overseas.

Our UK Summer Missions in will normally take place in August.

We will intend to host missions in the following locations overseas:

Bulgaria	April (from 2027)
India	January/February 2026 (onwards)
Israel	March 2026 (bi-annually)
Italy	September 2027 (onwards)
Malta	October 2026 (onwards)
Turkey (Ephesus)	May 2027 (onwards)

These trips will help people prepare for being part of the mission teams at **refresh 2029**.

Events & Training

NATIONAL REFRESHERS CONFERENCE & MAGNIFY

Following the success of the 2025 conference, we would look to repeat our conference in 2026 and plan a weekend of mission and speakers at a venue again. We would aim to hold it in March 2026. Magnify should be repeated annually in December in each hub.

THE REFRESH CENTRE

The Refresh Centre is fully available for retreats, mission teams and conferences. All are welcome and the cost will be £30 per person per night for full board accommodation.

The Refreshers Community

Our army of ordinary people

We want to raise up a network of volunteers and missionaries who will form our army of ordinary people who serve and share our values. These people are committed, church-attending believers who are trained and part of our network. They will receive a pack including a refreshers wristband, commit to a pledge and attend a day of training that will help them serve effectively.

There are four ways for people to get involved:

PROCLAIM - *Our pioneer missionaries*

These people serve as frontline missionaries and get involved in outreach

PARTICIPATE - *Our supporters at events*

Those who will attend our events and conferences

PRAY - *Our regular prayer warriors*

Those who commit to regular prayer and attend zoom and in-person meetings

PROVIDE - *Our generous givers and fundraisers*

Those who financially support Refreshment UK as part of the 400 Club

Our aim is to build a community of 7000 people who will be the workers and facilitators for **refresh 2029**.

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Please tell us who you are

Name			
Address			
		Postcode	
Telephone	Mobile		
Email			

I will :
(tick all that apply)

- ☐ **PROCLAIM** – get involved with frontline missions
- ☐ **PARTICIPATE** – attend one of our events or conferences
- ☐ **PRAY** – commit to praying for us and joining in-person meetings
- ☐ **PROVIDE** – donate by joining the 400 Club or getting sponsored

You can complete this form online at www.refreshment.org.uk/community or call 0300 998 1125

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