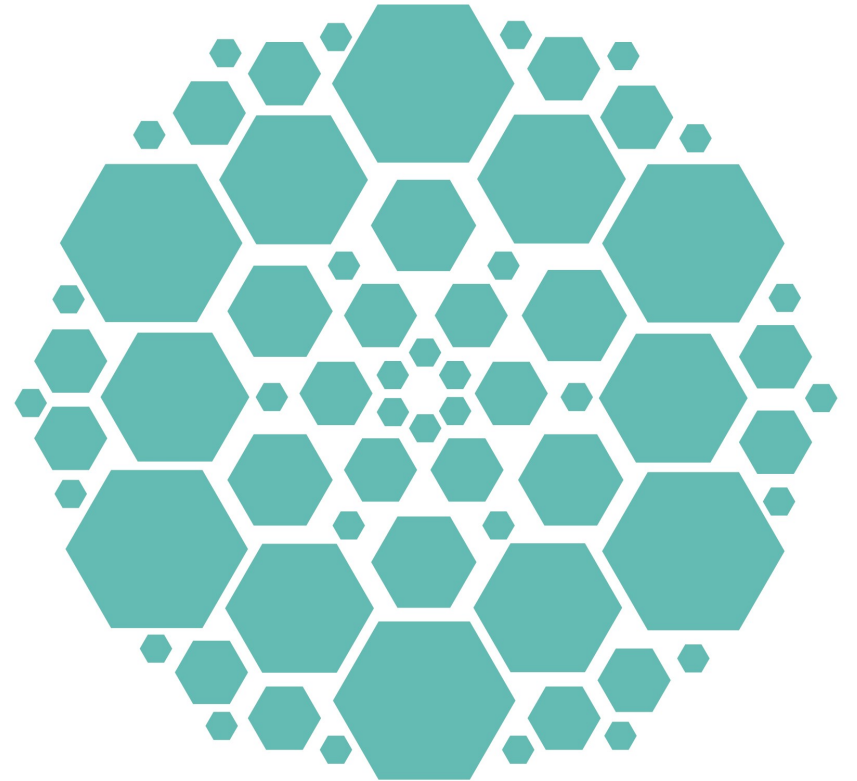


Reach Out



Why do we Reach Out?

As a church, we expect the Lord to fill us with his compassion, which means we take action and live out our vision of ministering to the poor in practical ways and introducing people to Jesus!

In the Bible Jesus is often described as having compassion. Combined with obedience it seems to be the main driver behind his ministry.

Matthew 9:36 "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them..."

Isaiah 61:1ff, "The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour and the day of vengeance of our God."

We prioritise the use of money, time and energy to express the values of mercy and compassion not only to each other but also outward into our community and beyond. As we understand what Jesus has done for us we want to demonstrate God's love to others: Love God, Love People, Love in Action.

When the Holy Spirit comes through worship he often leaves a deposit of compassion in the church. We express his heart of mercy and his demand for justice to a broken world. That is why so much of the social justice work done in this country emanates from the church.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Reach Out Local

Currently the main way we do this is by running a child contact centre where children of separated parents can meet their non-resident parent or family member.

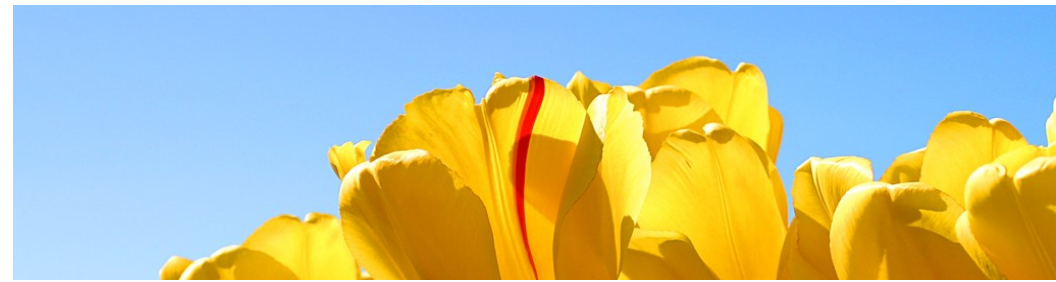
In terms of practical help we also have:

- a Store of small household items and clothes.
- Gardening & Decorating teams (normally small groups) helping those who are referred to us for help.

We find ourselves based in Headingley and see this as our main place to Reach Out to those around us. We aim to be known as good neighbours by all who call Headingley their home.

We have several small groups who are committed to ensuring that this is the case, including:

- Healing on the Streets & a Treasure Hunting team who head out on the second Saturday of each month
- the Doing the Stuff small group
- an Alpha course which runs regularly in Costa Coffee



HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Reach Out Local

child contact centre 

Come and volunteer at the Child Contact Centre. Sessions run in the morning on alternate Saturdays, and you would be expected to volunteer once a month. Full training is provided. If you connect with any of these statements then this might be a great place for you to get involved:

- I believe that children should be given the chance to know both of their parents if possible
- I could help dads who don't know what to do to interact with their children
- I love seeing families thrive—both the parents and the children!

Practical support

Put your DIY or gardening skills to good use and offer to head up a project for someone in the community. We receive referrals from a local housing association and commit ourselves to projects which tend to take a couple of evenings for a team.

Reach Out Global

Longer term our vision is to support the local Vineyard church overseas through a partnership model. If you have a heart for overseas mission then we'd love to hear from you. If you could commit to pray for those based overseas then please do get in touch.

Reach Out Global

Jesus taught us to go make disciples of all nations and we are passionate about working alongside people from all backgrounds across the globe. Over the last few years people from Leeds Vineyard have been involved in overseas outreach in the following countries: Mexico, Latvia, South Africa, Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, Haiti, Dominican Republic, India, Bangladesh.

We currently have long term mission partners Ivan & Libby Mungarro in Mexico, and others in Central Asia.

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