



Ps & Gs
Church

PLANS AND PRIORITIES 2022–2025

Seasons of change

We serve a never-changing God in an ever-changing world.

We launched our Stretch 25 strategy in 2019. Despite the coronavirus pandemic, we managed to adapt and continue with some key parts of the strategy. A huge ‘thank you’ to the many people that supported it by praying, volunteering and giving financially. You can see some of the achievements [on our website](#).

The global pandemic, the current cost of living crisis and other significant factors have led us to stop and think. We have prayed, listened and carefully considered Stretch 25. It has been assessed, reviewed and replaced with a more responsive two-year plan.

The way forward

We need to be flexible and poised to respond to our changing context. Now is not the time to make costly plans for the next five years.

We are also sensitive to the economic challenges faced by many in our congregation. Our financial position as a church is also challenging, and yet our desire is to continue to be an active, impactful and generous church.

We remain committed to creative worship, deepening prayer, accessible teaching, serving locally and globally, taking calculated risks and being a church that values creativity, fun and laughter. As ever we continue to be passionate about giving those who are not yet Christians the space and opportunity to explore the Christian faith.

Ps & Gs vision

Even in the midst of change, we are still passionate about our vision. It remains the same:

God is calling us to be a church that makes whole-life disciples, sharing the whole of the gospel, with the whole of society, through churches of grace.

TWO-YEAR PLAN

From autumn 2022 until the end of 2024, we will focus on several priority areas. We will also carry out a major strategic review over that time and this will lead to the development of a longer-term, comprehensive strategy, to be launched in 2025.

In the meantime, we will focus on the following priority areas for the next two years. We will:

Grow and deepen

- Continue to invest in **building the church community** and our relationships through Sunday gatherings, social events, Connect groups, teaching, hospitality and serving together
- Help one another to grow as **confident and resilient disciples**, and people who **share their faith**, through our Sunday services, courses, prayer, mentoring and Connect groups, and by training leaders
- Deepen **strategic partnerships** with local organisations such as [Bethany Christian Trust](#) and [Ferrywell Youth Project](#)
- Continue to develop our **key ministry areas**, namely Children's and Youth ministry, Students, Caring for Creation and Saturday Meal
- Continue to look outward and **support wider ministry** through the Micah Fund and our Global Focus Mission Partners
- Develop and expand our existing **wholeness ministries** including the Ps & Gs Counselling Service, pastoral care and courses

It's in our church DNA to be whole life disciples of Jesus. We respond to His call to action, and we do it together, in His strength:

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."
John 15 v5

Explore and plan

- Build a healthy and responsive **church planting** plan with the Scottish Episcopal Church and other denominations and networks
- Appoint a **second curate** with a view to them developing a Ps & Gs **church plant**
- Continue to explore and develop our **online ministry**
- Appoint a staff position to lead our long-term response to local and national need, and develop our plans for **social transformation**

Love and serve with impact

- Help and support **refugees** through hospitality, relationship and practical help
- Actively look for **short-term and high impact opportunities** to partner with others to respond to immediate needs, specifically in Edinburgh
- Encourage and equip **Connect groups** to increase their outward-facing activity to serve local causes





PLAY YOUR PART

Come along to Sunday services, join in with events and courses, and bring your friends. Commit to a Connect group and [be part of our incredible community](#).

We also encourage everyone who calls Ps & Gs home to commit to:

Pray

This is key. Please keep praying for Ps & Gs and our impact in the world. Join us at Kingdom Come worship and prayer events. Take steps to deepen your own [prayer life](#).

Serve

There are hundreds of opportunities to volunteer and serve at Ps & Gs. In serving together, we build friendships, deepen our relationships, and contribute to [making vital ministry happen](#).

Give

Ps & Gs relies on your generosity to enable our ministry to happen in Edinburgh and beyond. Please prayerfully review your giving to Ps & Gs, even in these tough times. Please set up regular giving with your bank if you are not already doing so. Our new two-year plan will be financed from your [gifts to the Ps & Gs General Fund](#).

And finally... where do you see need?

If you are passionate about an area of need in Edinburgh and can volunteer time and skills to help meet that need, we'd be keen to hear about it. If your idea falls within our vision and plan, then we'd love to explore opportunities further with you. Perhaps Ps & Gs can help. Drop us a line at office@psandgs.org.uk to start a conversation.



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