

TWINNING PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Twinning Agreement

This is a covenant of partnership between:

King's Highway Church, Eldoret, Kenya

And

St James' Church, Clitheroe, England

As brothers and sisters in Christ, part of God's worldwide Church, we agree to enter an ongoing relationship in order to learn from each other and support each other in growing in faith and ministry.

Our purpose is:

- To develop relationships between the two church communities
- To connect ministries and individuals together for mutual encouragement and learning
- To share our experiences of God's work amongst us, supporting and spurring one another on to go deeper with God and His purposes
- To learn from each other about our different cultural backgrounds, using this experience to reflect on how our culture impacts on our relationship with God
- To share resources and knowledge with each other in appropriate ways

In this partnership, for which we thank God, we recognise that in this fallen world we all come as broken and poor people before God, depending on King Jesus to restore and reconcile us to Himself, to ourselves, to others and to the rest of creation.

We aim for partnership between churches, to walk together in humble and relational ways as we call on King Jesus to fix the root causes of our brokenness.

We recognise the potential for paternalism in this relationship and how that will damage God's Kingdom purposes and we resolve to name it and together work against it wherever we see it. This will require a high degree of honesty between us and good communication and we welcome this as a basis for our twinning.

What we will do:

- Build up a variety of relationships within each congregation, to include individuals and ministries. This will include regular communication via email and messenger
- Pray regularly for each other's specific needs, which we will actively identify and share
- Set up effective communication channels via the internet to develop video capability
- Share weekly bulletins with each other

- Plan regular visits between teams from both congregations. The intention for the next 3 years is to have a group each year coming from St James' Church to King's Highway Church, and then for a group to come from King's Highway Church to St James' Church in 2019 and 2021
- Share resources with each other in appropriate and agreed ways

St James' Church acknowledges that it has much to learn from King's Highway Church concerning faith and generosity, perseverance and hope.

Having named the potential for paternalism, and financial dependence, St James' Church does want to share something of what God has given, to partner with King's Highway Church in developing the ministry in Eldoret.

St James' Church agrees to fund the current internet provision at King's Highway Church up until December 2021.

In addition, the teams coming from St James' Church to King's Highway Church agree to fundraise and send to King's Highway Church £2,000 in 2019 and £2,000 in 2020 to further prime the Seed Opportunities Fund at King's Highway Church.

As part of our commitment to each other, we agree to appoint a Twinning Committee, who will be responsible for planning and administering this partnership. We also agree to appoint a Communications Coordinator, to be responsible for ensuring that there is a regular and steady flow of communications between the congregations and the groups within each church.

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This agreement will last for an initial period of three years, after which it will be reviewed by both parties and, if appropriate, be renewed every three years thereafter until it draws to a natural conclusion.

King's Highway Church

(Name of Signatory)

_____ **(Signature)**
Date:

St James' Church

(Name of Signatory)

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Date: