

## **Vision**

STC's vision as a church for the last season has been to invite people to "meet friends, meet God and live life better". Everyone, whatever their background, is welcome. Relationships are at the heart of what we do.

We seek to reach the lost through connecting people into communities where they will make friends, encounter God and learn to follow Jesus. Our call is to our networks and neighbourhoods across the city of Sheffield.

## **Theology and Networks**

We are a charismatic evangelical church and are an Anglican/Baptist Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) with a history as a forward thinking, pioneering church with strong national networks. We have connections with the New Wine Network, the Order of Mission (TOM), the Message Trust, Fusion and Holy Trinity Brompton, London.

- Our ministry is built on the timeless truths of scripture, led by the Spirit as to how we apply them to our lives and the world today.
- We are committed to every person ministry based on equipping and releasing everyone to use the gifts and resources God has given them.
- We are committed to building a growing, serving church at a neighbourhood, city, national and global level

## **Core DNA**

**Discipleship** – we believe in the call to be Jesus' disciples so that our lives are characterised by freedom and fruitfulness. Our heart is for everyone to be released into the gifts and callings God has for them. We are passionate about raising up leaders.

**Mission** shapes and directs all we do. Gatherings are accessible to people not used to church. Our communities come together around a common mission focus, and we believe that we all have a part to play in extending God's kingdom

## Values

### Lifeshapes

The values and priorities of Lifeshapes articulate the basis of the value system that we as a church operate by.

**Whole life discipleship** (circle). God is involved in every aspect of our lives. Discipleship extends beyond what we do at church to every aspect of our lives.

In all areas of church life and our personal lives we seek to develop **healthy rhythms of work and rest**, seasons of abiding and of high activity (semi-circle).

In all that we do in ministry and our communities we seek a balance of **up, in and out** – connecting with God, growing healthy communities and reaching out to the world (triangle).

In all we do in our communities and ministries we seek to **train and disciple others** (square).

We recognise that God has given different **gifts** to individuals, we seek to recognise and affirm the differences, value each other and work in partnership (pentagon)

The whole church is encouraged to be involved in **mission** through ministry and our personal lives. We believe that we all have a part to play, looking out for 'people of peace' (octagon)

[Lifeshapes: Building A Discipling Culture (Mike Breen, 3DM Publishing)]