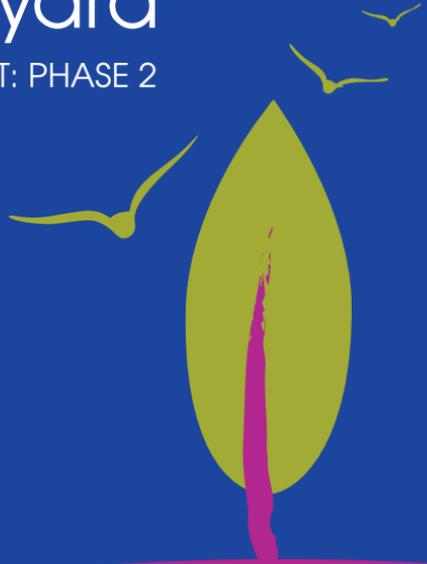


Riverside Vineyard

CHURCH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT: PHASE 2



**The next stretch
of the river is
in our reach...**

be a part of something

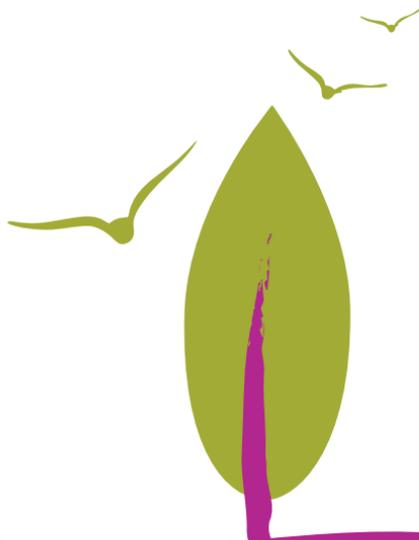
Ezekiel 47: 9-12 (NIV)

“...**living creatures will live wherever the river flows**. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so **where the river flows everything will live**. Fishermen will stand along the shore; from En Gedi to En Eglaim there will be places for spreading nets. **The fish will be of many kinds** - like the fish of the Mediterranean Sea. But the swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they will be left for salt. **Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river.**



Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. **Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them.**

Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing.”



Our journey so far

Since the church was planted in 1988, Riverside Vineyard has been on a journey with God. We have seen God's Kingdom advance in so many exciting ways. Like a river, we have been carrying life, God's life, to the communities in which we live and work.

WORSHIP GOD
LOVE OTHERS
BE JESUS IN THE WORLD

In any journey, there are key moments.
We believe we are at one of those moments.

The Lord is inviting us to move forward into the next stage of our journey.

The next stretch of the river is in our reach.





For many years, the church held weekend services in a school and had various office facilities. In 2003, we were able to purchase and start the significant re-development of our current site in Browells Lane, Feltham.

In 2005, weekend services started at the Vineyard Centre. We can be so thankful to the many people who made great sacrifices of their time and money in order to achieve this.

Since then we have continued to redevelop the church centre site. But more importantly, we have seen existing ministries grow, new projects established, and thousands of lives touched by God's love.

Storehouse, for example, has grown significantly over the past 10 years, and the impact of this project is recognised in the local community as well as with the agencies we work with.

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The next step...

The time has come for us to take the next step of a journey we started 12 years ago. From the outset, the plan was always to build at the front of the Vineyard Centre in order to provide a community welcome space on the ground floor, and multi-use space above.

The Lord has also been speaking to us prophetically from the Bible, for example from Isaiah 54: 2-3.

“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left....”

Artist's impression of what the new build could look like.



A river that brings life

We believe that this development of the Vineyard Centre will help us bring God's life in a number of ways:



**Bringing
life...**

**...as a
welcoming
community**

A welcome/café area will provide a community hub throughout the week. On Sundays it will be a church social space, before and after services. On weekdays, we envisage it being used by Storehouse clients, Meeting Place students, Busy Bees families, people from the local community and businesses. It could be a place for you to come and have coffee with a friend. It could be a great venue for new ministries, evening and weekend events.

We currently have limited space for children at Sunday services. The new 1st floor area will enable us to develop children's and youth ministry through providing better and more appropriate space. This area could also be used for training courses and other events throughout the week.

A photograph of two children sitting at a table, focused on drawing. The child on the left is wearing glasses and a pink sweater, using a pink marker. The child on the right is wearing a blue shirt and using a yellow marker. The table is covered with white paper and various markers. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a church interior with a chair.

**Bringing
life...**

**...to children
and young
people**

A young child with blonde hair is sitting on a cow-shaped rocking horse. The child is wearing a patterned shirt and jeans. The background shows other people in a playroom setting. The entire image has a blue tint.

**Bringing
life...**

**...through
Storehouse**

Storehouse is a significant part of our church's ministry, reaching out to those in need in our communities. This project has grown substantially over recent years, and we're committed to its on-going development. The development of the church centre will enable us to better welcome and serve people, build relationships that make a difference, and have space to build on the opportunities to see lives transformed and empowered.

What's needed financially?

The extension adds 400m² of additional space, split over two floors. This is equivalent to $\frac{2}{3}$ of the auditorium floor space.

The estimated project budget is £980,000. This is clearly a considerable sum of money. To reach this goal, and in the same way as when we purchased the Vineyard Centre back in 2003, significant sacrifice will be needed.

When we first spoke about this project, we said that we would be praying, planning and saving. As a church, we've been doing just this. In terms of saving over the past few years, we've been able to put aside £250,000.

The result of what we sacrifice will be such a blessing to us as a church community, to those who attend services and events at the church centre, and to thousands of people who will experience the extraordinary love of God through what we do together.

Our part in taking the next step

We are inviting those who are a part of Riverside Vineyard (and anyone else who would like to), to give generously and sacrificially in order for this next step in our journey to become a reality.

For some it will be relatively small amounts, whilst for others it may be tens of thousands of pounds. All we ask is that you give as the Lord prompts you in accordance with the resources He has blessed you with. It may be more than you can imagine affording. Trust God to provide for your needs in out-of-the-ordinary ways. Experience says He will do this.

Equal sacrifice not equal gifts

We want to be people who give sacrificially, but also freely. What sacrificial giving means to each person is unique, and so we're approaching this on the basis of "equal sacrifice not equal gifts". The most important thing is that we give what the Lord asks of us – nothing more, nothing less. He knows our hearts, our circumstances, and the cost of our sacrifice.

Small sacrifices add up

Maybe you're someone who makes a daily visit to a coffee shop, or buys a sandwich for lunch. That's say £2.50 per day. But over one year that's about £600..... or about the cost of a sofa. And maybe that sofa is sat on 5 times a day..... day after day after day. Over 2 years, that could be over 3,500 times. And so hundreds, maybe thousands of people are made more welcome by a relatively small sacrifice.

It's really worth thinking about how much a regular, monthly sacrifice can become over a year.

Monthly

£20
£100
£200
£500
£2,000

Over a year (with Gift Aid)

£300
£1,500
£3,000
£7,500
£30,000



How can I give?

In lots of different ways! It's important though that giving to this project is over-and-above your regular giving to the church.

Upfront gifts

Please consider making an upfront gift, simply because the more that is given upfront, the more quickly we can start work.

Ongoing pledges

It may be that you don't have much in the way of savings. If so, you could give by pledging a certain amount each month over the next year, and then set up a Standing Order, or a regular payment instruction via the church website.

Future pledges

Maybe you get an annual salary bonus or tax repayment, and want to give at a point later in the year. That's great - please do indicate on the giving form.

Raising money

How creative can you get? Maybe you have items to sell - things you don't need, jewellery you don't wear. Maybe you could raise money through skills you have. You can pledge what you're committing to raise over the next year.





How might we get to the target?

To take this next step in our journey, it is important that everyone – young and old, waged and unwaged – is able to be a part of this, whatever our financial circumstances. As we've said, the goal is equal sacrifice, not equal gifts.

Here's an illustration of how we can all participate in getting to our target:

Number of people or families	Monthly gift (£)	Gift in one year - incl. Gift Aid (£)	Total (£)
10	1	15	150
18	5	75	1,350
40	20	300	12,000
80	50	750	60,000
88	75	1,125	99,000
125	100	1,500	187,500
50	333	5,000	250,000
6	1,333	20,000	120,000
3	3,333	50,000	150,000
What we've saved to date			£250,000
Estimated project budget			£980,000

Some questions you may have...

1. Why do we need more space?

Over the past 10 years, we have seen significant growth not only of our church family, but also of many community projects such as Storehouse, Meeting Place and Alpha. We're now becoming limited by available space, yet as a church we never want to say "enough is enough". We want to do all we can to make space for and welcome those who don't yet know Jesus, so that they too can experience the love and grace of God.

2. What am I expected to give?

As we said previously, each of us should give what we believe the Lord is asking us to. It will involve sacrifice, but we're to give freely and cheerfully. All gifts are valuable, large and small. It's about what we can do together.

3. Are we going to "give beyond ourselves"?

As a church we set aside at least 10% of received gifts, to be "given away or spent on activities that benefit those outside our church". A significant proportion of this project fits right into this purpose of "set aside" money. So the amount that we're setting aside on this occasion is much higher than we've set aside before.

4. How do I make a gift or pledge?

Please fill in a gift card and either bring it with you on Commitment Sunday (17th May), or if you're not able to be there that day, post your form to the church office. If you're giving upfront, please enclose your gift or make a bank transfer using the details on the gift card.

If you're making a monthly pledge, please fill in a gift card and either set up a Standing Order or a regular bank transfer instruction.

If you're a UK tax payer and are able to, please complete the Gift Aid declaration as this enables us to reclaim the tax you've already paid.

5. Can I change my pledge?

Yes. If for any reason you want to alter your pledge (e.g. your financial situation changes), you can either increase or decrease your commitment. We simply ask that you let us know by contacting the church office.

6. What if insufficient money is raised?

Our hope is that we will give everything that we need. If that is not the case, we will have to consider our options. We may be able to increase our existing mortgage. We may need to delay starting the work, or phase the project in some way.

7. What if more than the target amount is given?

That would be fantastic! We would be able to proceed as planned, and use the extra to further reduce our mortgage. We would love to be debt-free as soon as possible.

8. What if something prevents us from moving forward?

There is always the possibility of delays caused by planning permission, building issues, unforeseen circumstances or insufficient funds. In these cases we would seek to persevere. If the project became impossible or not sensible to proceed with, then the appropriate share of the fund at that point would be offered back to those who gave it.

9. When might building work start?

We have already had a positive, pre-planning application meeting with Hounslow council. Once plans are finalised, planning permission granted and finance in place, we could be building in Spring 2016.

10. What if I'm reading this after the gift day (17th May 2015)?

The gift day is simply the day when we hope to give enough to turn this vision into reality. We do though want everyone to be able to be a part of this next step of the journey, and for us to become mortgage-free. There are always things we can do in this wonderful church centre that God has given us.

11. I have some more questions.....

Please talk to one of the pastoral staff or a trustee, either on a Sunday, or via the church office. There's also an "open morning" on Saturday 9th May – please do come along!

