



The Carlton Road Premises

# News Report

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*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

Shalom and wishing you all a wonderful Feast of Unleavened Bread! We trust that the Father's rich blessing will be upon your gatherings over the period, transforming hearts and minds.

We just wanted to share with you some progress regarding the property at Carlton Road. At the heart of the BUILDING FOR A BETTER FUTURE vision is the establishment of those premises as the National/International Centre for the work and ministry of the Congregation. The Centre will house our offices, printing facility, meeting and training rooms, space for children and youth activities, also an area for social functions. The initial idea was to use money from the sale of the Training and Admin Centre to do the necessary redevelopment work. To give us the amenities we need we had plans drawn up to:

- Turn the basement into offices, a large multi-activity space, audio and video edit suites, and rooms for meetings/training.
- Convert the current kitchen area to house our design and printing operations
- Remodel the first floor to house refreshments area and conference rooms. The current children's activity rooms would be relocated to the basement.

However, we have had to rethink all of this for the following reason: We hired the services of a company to look at the feasibility of doing what we proposed for the property. The report that came back wasn't promising. Owing to the construction of the building, those initial plans would have been too costly, and in some areas, what was envisioned would be nigh on impossible to achieve.

We currently have temporary offices elsewhere which is costing us almost £900 per month to rent. We cannot afford to have that sort of money being drained from our account. Consequently, there has been pressure for us to get our offices into the Carlton Road property as soon as possible.

On account of this we are now proposing that the first floor of Carlton Road be turned into offices. But that still leaves the problem of what to do

with the children's area that is used on a weekly basis. On top of that, we can't move the printing without having an alternative kitchen arrangement.

Recently something interesting came to light. The building to the side of the church (the Moot Pub) went up for sale. Some had the distinct feeling that Yahweh wanted us to have it so we sought the Father as to whether we should purchase it and make it part of the Centre project. There was a unanimous witness that we should go ahead and purchase the building. So, with the agreement of our Trustees we have put an offer in for the Moot. Securing this building will give us:

- A good size function room (this would also be available for hire)
- A good size kitchen
- An area to provide activities for children & youth in the short to medium term
- Easy access to the Moot from the church building
- Wheelchair access from Carlton Road to the church building



*Ground Floor - Front*

If this building is acquired, we can go ahead and relocate our offices to the first floor and our print works to the current kitchen.



*Ground Floor - Side*

We are excited about what this redevelopment could look like and, more importantly, what could be achieved in the region, across the country, and internationally from this Centre.

Please let us pray that Yahweh will help us with the purchasing of the building and that He will provide the finances that will be needed to bring it up to a good standard.

We will let you know when we have further news about the Moot Pub, and any movements towards the remodelling of the first floor.

Be part of something exciting!



*First Floor - Front*

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