

Dear Guest,

I hope this message finds you well and that you are enjoying the blessings of this beautiful summer, wherever you may be. The Board of Trustees wishes to provide you with an update on our journey towards the new Greenhouse Christian Centre, as we continue to seek God's guidance in this exciting and challenging season. **Here's where we stand at the moment:**

- 1. Opportunities and Challenges for Moving Forward:** The Board is pleased to share that we have received several good offers for the sale of the Greenhouse on Burton Road. This is an important milestone, and we are carefully considering each offer and the current market to ensure that the path we choose matches with our mission and the vision we hold for the future of the Greenhouse ministry. Alongside this work, we have also searched diligently for a new Greenhouse and have researched more than 40 properties and visited 20, with one or two showing great promise for our future ministry. However, this research has shown that to purchase and adapt a property that truly meets our needs, we will likely need to raise an additional £1million, beyond the sale of 17 Burton Road to make this vision a reality. This gap is a key focus for prayer.
- 2. Deliberation and Discernment:** Much like the Israelites who waited in the desert until the Lord signalled them to move, we are in a season of waiting, deliberation and prayerful discernment. Currently the 'sums don't add up', and the Trustees and Leadership team are seeking God's wisdom as we weigh the various options before us. We have been considering one beautiful property, ideal for the new Greenhouse, but must be frank and say we believe that right now is still the time to wait, trusting that the Lord will provide resources and the best course of action in His time.
- 3. Momentum and Planning for 2025:** Please be assured that we remain committed to moving forward as and when the Lord directs us; but in light of the above circumstances, we are actively planning and preparing for a full year's programme in 2025, therefore we will be inviting bookings for all of 2025.
- 4. Continued Prayer:** We humbly ask for your continued prayers during this pivotal time. Your prayers and support have been invaluable to us thus far, and we deeply rely on them as we navigate these next steps. Please join us in praying for wisdom, discernment, and unity among our leadership as we seek to follow God's direction for our community.
- 5. Staying Connected:** We are committed to keeping you informed as we journey together, and you will be among the first to know once a definitive plan is in place. In the meantime, we remain dedicated to open communication and will share updates as they become available.

Thank you for your unwavering support and for journeying with us as we seek God's guidance. Like the Israelites, we trust in God's provision and timing, confident that He is leading us towards a new chapter filled with promise and hope. We are grateful to have you walking alongside us in faith.

God bless,

Richard Langmead - Chair of Trustees