



*TAKING A STEP
BACK TO GO
FORWARD*

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INTRODUCTION



Taking a step back to gain perspective

'Stepping back from your work allows you to take a moment to breathe, refocus, and gain a fresh perspective.'

The art of taking a step back

CONTEXT

*'The clear vision of God as presented in the Bible is for him to have a **People** (A family, a kingdom of priests), who love and enjoy Him, His **Presence**, as well as each other, all in one **Place** (where heaven and earth meet as one)' – Rev. 21:1-4*

Vision Sunday – Why today?

What is Vision?

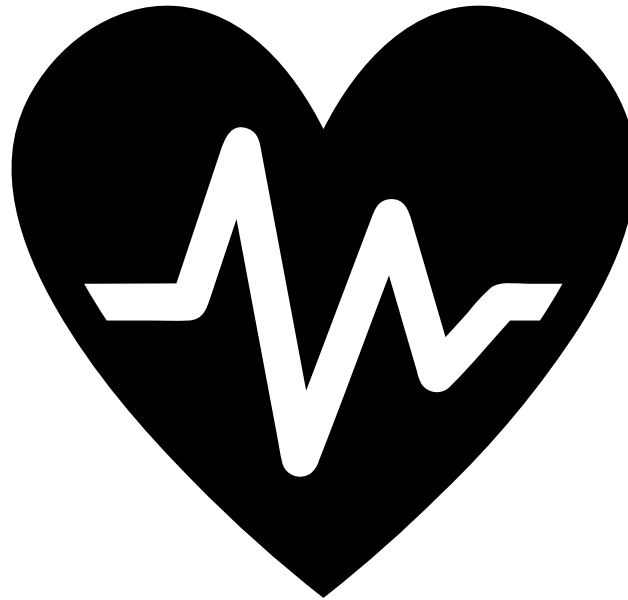
What is God's vision?



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WHERE TO BEGIN?



*'Blessed is the man
who trusts in the
Lord and whose
trust is the Lord' -
Jeremiah 17:7*

Heath Check , Full Service and MOT of what you believe and the state of your heart and neck— hard or soft, stiff or supple? (**Acts 8:45-53**) It's never been about buildings!!! It's about following the Holy Spirit.

REMEMBERING & REMINDERS

Revelation 2:3-5

**Hebrews 5:13, 6:1-4,
Matt. 6:33**

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

2 Peter 1:5-10

Ephesians 1-2

- Remember He walks among his Church
- Remember He sees your hard work and perseverance
- Remember the Foundation is 'Love', love is expressed in joy, praise and deep intimacy
- Remembering who you were and what He's done for you
- Remembering the basics – Spiritual Milk or Elementary Teaching
- Remember your aim: 'righteousness of God' and the 'Kingdom of God'

- Remember how he saved you – The Good News - How
- Remember why he saved you – The Good News - What

- Remember what He has given you in increasing measure

- Remember who you are, your identity in Christ, a new Creation.

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THE BLUEPRINT FOR NOW

The Basic Ingredients

WHAT DOES A CHURCH DO?

- Last week Len looked at **'What is a Church?'**

In Summary - *'The People and the Place where God is Present'* - 1 Cor.14:23-25

- We also need to remember **'What a Church does?'** Or we can lose sight of what is important. We make small things big, and big things small. **(Acts 2:42-47)**

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Continually devoted to...

Apostolic Teaching (elders who teach God's Word)

Fellowship

Breaking Bread

Prayer

Everyone...

Sense of Awe

Expecting Signs and wonders (apostles etc)

Equality and Equity – sharing and caring

Oneness

And all those who believed...

Central location (the temple) & Homes

Hospitality and Eating together

Gladness and sincere heart

Being Together

Day by day...

Praising God

Favour with all people

God adds

God saves

We see this blueprint worked out in the local church throughout the book of Acts, whether in Jerusalem or in the gentile provinces of the Roman Empire. **Does your church exhibit these qualities?**

GOING FORWARD

Nothing's changed, our vision remains the same.

There has been a few hiccups along the way
Covid, a bit of pruning etc

The support is here but homegrown shepherds
take time to nurture and grow.

However, we are still on the right track

(See Vision 2020 and Beyond leaflet)



WHERE IS OUR CHURCH GOING?

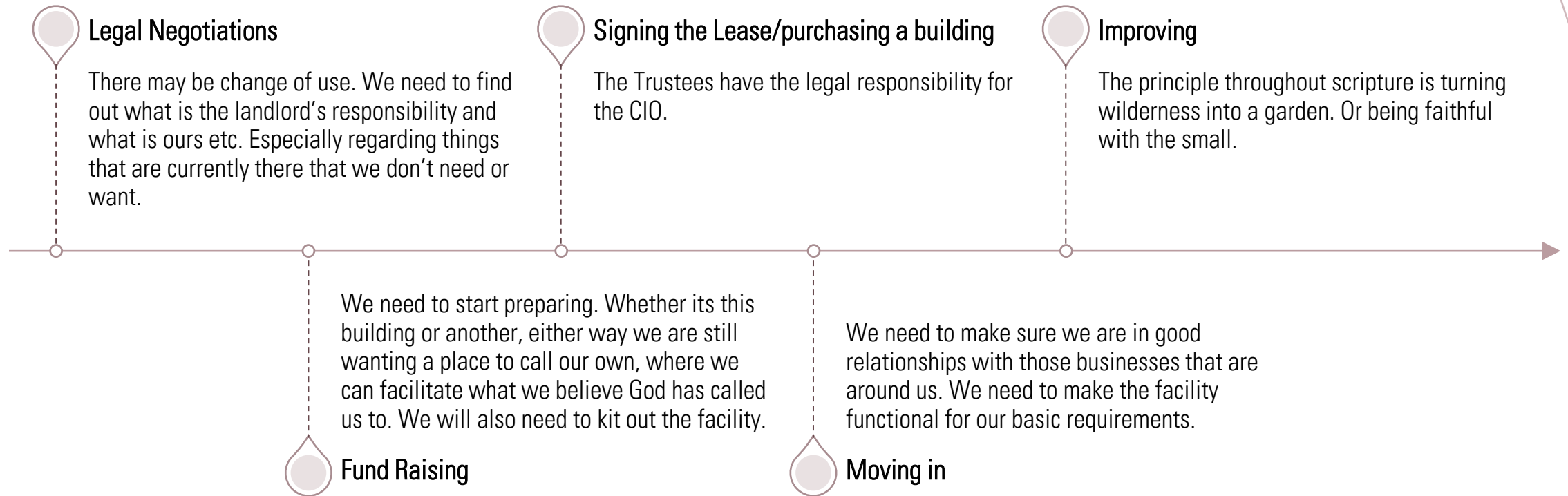
WHERE WE ARE NOW IS GOOD

- Our aim isn't a building. Our chief end is Christ and to do His will (**Matt. 28:18-20, Acts 2:42-47**) and build His kingdom.
- God has blessed us where we are
- It's important not to be ungrateful to the Lord and Greyfriars
- We have been a blessing to the community
- Whether we move, or not, we need to be content to trust in God

SO WHY MOVE?

- It seems to be where God is guiding us, we follow the Spirit's leading and the Signs and Seasons.
- Improve conditions for the children, Project Patchwork and other ministries
- A facility that can be used six days and nights a week by the members of the church family.
- A facility that will hopefully help us to bless the community more, help us pray more etc
- By faith, a facility to help us prepare for growth

TIMELINE — *SITE FOR SERVING, FUNCTIONING FACILITIES*



SUMMARY

- God wants a **People** to be together in one **Place** where He can be **Present**, whether that's in your home or in a facility/building.
- God has laid out a blueprint for who his People are, what they are to believe and what they are to do.
- God has given The King's Church Ringwood, our church, a vision and we aim to work together to reach that goal. Join with us on this exciting adventure.





THANK YOU

If you would like to find out more information, please do not hesitate to see me or speak to Dusty/Reg who are Trustees that are project managing the new facility.

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