





From the moment Trent Vineyard began in 1996, we have been on a journey of faith doing all we

can to respond to the Lord's leading as He has continued to bring more people to join us.

Looking back for a moment as we prepare to move forward, our story as a church has been an amazing testimony to God's grace. He has led us from the beginning through some pretty uncharted territory, placed some hugely challenging opportunities before us and held our hand as we've done our best to respond to them.

We're so excited to share our plans for the next phase of our journey and so look forward to seeing how God will grow Trent Vineyard in the coming years.

Our hand in His

*John & Debby*

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ENLARGE THE SITE OF  
YOUR TENT TO **MAKE**  
**ROOM FOR MORE**

*Isaiah 54.2*

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## The journey so far

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**1996** - First meeting at the Swans Hotel. Outgrew space quickly and moved to Notts County Football Ground.

**2001** - Rented space under Abbey Bridge, the start of The Arches.

**2003** - Warehouse built.



**2008** - Warehouse extended.



**2010** - Purchased front plot, resurfaced back car park and redeveloped first front plot building into Trent Youth Centre.



**2011** - Redeveloped second front plot building into the new home for The Arches and Café developed.



# Where are we now?

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In recent years the Lord has continued to bring more people to be a part of Trent Vineyard, with the tram network enabling greater access by public transport.

Our continued growth has meant we've had to rethink the layout of our building. To make more space we have reconfigured some rooms, including moving offices, which enabled two new children's rooms on the ground floor.

Most Sunday mornings the 5-11 year olds in Trent Kids spend part of the morning together in BiG, which is an amazing opportunity to play games, make noise and, most importantly, meet with God through worship, prayer and teaching. BiG has outgrown the space in the Warehouse, and has moved into the Youth Centre auditorium.

As a result, on Sunday mornings Trent Youth have had to be moved into a smaller space. None of the rooms in the Youth Centre were large enough, so two rooms were joined together. They have continued to grow in number and are now squeezed, making it difficult to include more youngsters in that age group.

Meanwhile the growth in numbers of children in Trent Kids has meant groups are restricted for space, and there is a need for more rooms to accommodate the growing numbers.

At the same time the number of people in the morning service continues to grow, and on peak Sundays we are all but full.

**So, we are at a moment in our history** when again we face the challenge of space for our adults, our youth, and our children.



# The next step

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## Making room for children and young people...

The opportunity which the Lord has made clear as our next step is to repurpose the last undeveloped building on our site, and to create a beautiful Kid's Centre which will accommodate the 5-11s groups on Sundays, and provide multi-purpose space for all sorts of mid-week activities across all ages.

In order to create the much needed rooms, the existing building will be expanded with an extension along its length, providing a reception area, auditorium and flexible large rooms with moveable dividing walls.

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WE ARE DELIGHTED TO  
CONFIRM THAT PLANNING  
PERMISSION HAS BEEN  
GRANTED FOR THE ENTIRE  
DEVELOPMENT.

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The building will be designed in a colourful way, with its own clear identity as the Kid's Centre.

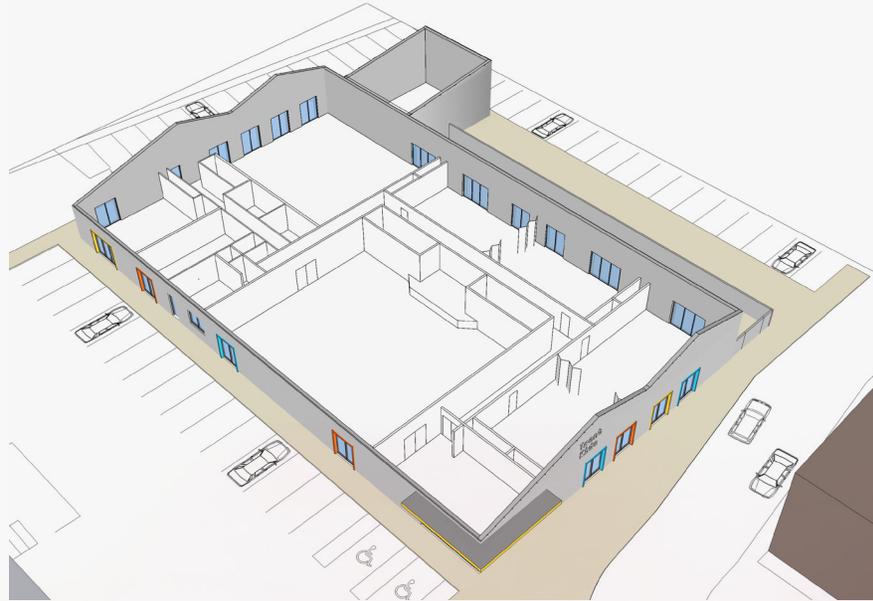
This will give Trent Kids their own auditorium, releasing the auditorium in the Youth Centre back to Trent Youth on Sundays.

The under 5s will then be able to expand into the vacant rooms in the main Warehouse.

### Bird's eye view



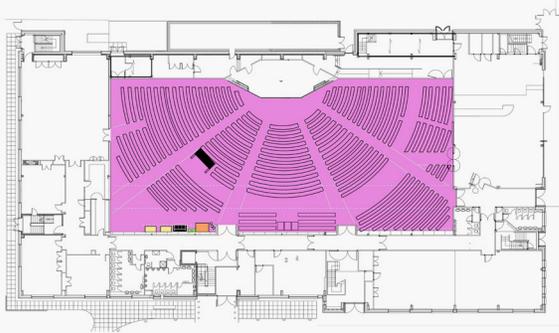
## Kid's Centre mock up



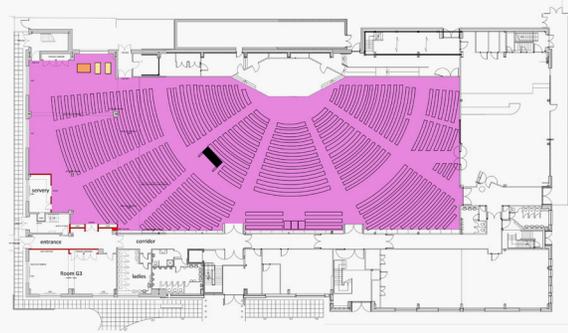
## Making room for adults...

The development of the Kid's Centre will free up the rooms at the end of the adult auditorium, enabling a substantial increase in room for adults. The reconfiguring of that space will allow the auditorium to be expanded to the outside wall, with a flexible partition.

The Connect Area and refreshments servery will relocate into this new space, enabling more chairs to be laid out to the back of the auditorium, and a new Sunday entrance will be created giving pedestrians easier access directly from Lenton Lane.



**Existing auditorium plan**



**Expanded auditorium plan**

# Additional developments

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On the far side of the Kid's Centre an extension will house a fully racked storage area, with the option for additional storage units as and when they are needed.

The remaining areas of rough land will be tarmacked and marked out which will enable us to park more cars and create a great outdoor event space between the buildings. With the removal of some existing gates and fences within the site, this will help traffic flow and the use of a second exit.

As we continue to develop our in-house media and production, we want to convert the undeveloped space above the Youth Centre into a film studio.

To make our space more flexible both on Sundays and midweek, we plan to build a wall between the sports hall and the youth auditorium.



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BUILDINGS ARE SIMPLY FACILITIES. FACILITIES WHICH FACILITATE ALL WE DO AS A CHURCH. THIS NEXT PHASE, AS EVERY PREVIOUS PHASE OF OUR JOURNEY IS ABOUT PEOPLE. IT'S ABOUT **MAKING ROOM FOR MORE.**

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# Putting plans into action

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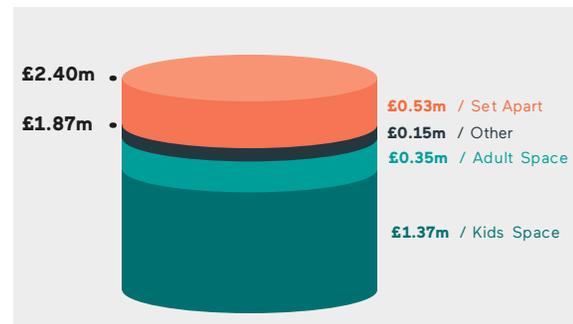
**The amount we need to raise to achieve this goal is an estimated £2.4 million.**

We anticipate that the majority of the money will come from the people in this church, in both upfront gifts and in ongoing pledges. Assuming we get sufficient of the total pledged as upfront cash, we anticipate increasing our mortgage (which is currently £0.9m) to supplement the giving and enable the project to proceed before all the pledged money comes in.

£2.4m is certainly a challenge! However given our track record as a church (giving about £8.5m so far to building projects over the past 17 years!) we believe that while there is no doubt that this is a major step of faith, with God's help it is an achievable goal.

This sacrifice will release a future which will be a blessing to Trent Kids, Trent Youth and our adults. It will also enable those from our city who will use the facilities to experience God's unconditional love demonstrated in so many ways.

**22% of the money we give will be set apart to be given away or spent on activities that benefit those outside our church,** and we will be investing part of this in some exciting projects working with children in Nottingham and India, and possibly other countries.



# The invitation

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We are again inviting Trent members (and anyone else who would like to) to participate in making this next exciting phase become a reality. For some it will be relatively small amounts; for others it may be tens of thousands of pounds. Give as the Lord prompts you in accordance with the resources He has blessed you with.

## **Making an 'upfront cash gift'**

Please fill in the commitment card on page 12. Enclose your cheque or cash and the commitment form in the building envelope provided and either post it in good time or bring it to church on the **2nd of April Gift Day**. If you are enclosing cash we recommend you bring it to church in the envelope provided and place in the offering basket.

Please make cheques payable to 'Trent Vineyard'.

If you would prefer to make your donation on-line, the church's bank details are listed on the commitment form. Please identify your gift with the code: **[mysurname]/BG17** and email **giving@trentvineyard.org** with the details of your gift.

## **Making an ongoing pledge**

Decide on the monthly amount you wish to give towards the building project, and the length of your pledge (you may wish to make it for more or less than 4 years). Please note that this is **in addition to your regular giving to Trent Vineyard**.

Complete the commitment form once you've decided how much you would like to give and tick the box to let us know if you plan to set up the payment yourself or would prefer us to contact your bank on your behalf. If you set up the payment directly on-line please do so with the code **[mysurname]/BG17** and email as above.

For those of you who are **tax payers** and are not already giving regularly to

the church, filling in the gift aid section on the commitment form will enable us to reclaim from the Inland Revenue the basic rate tax you have paid on the amount you give.

As you begin to think about what you might give, both upfront and over the coming years, it is important to make that decision prayerfully. For most of us looking simply at what we think we could afford after all our outgoings are deducted will not release very much. In 1 Chronicles 21, King David said **“I will not ... sacrifice an ... offering that costs me nothing”**, and for this project to happen, it is going to cost. It will involve significant levels of sacrifice.

The amount upfront and the amount we pledge each month will of course depend on our financial circumstances. The more God has given us, the more He may ask of us. Often the first figure that comes to mind may be a comfortable amount. But seek God over a period of time until you're convinced the amount you've decided on is also the amount

He's asking of you. It may be more than you can imagine affording, which requires trust that God will provide for your needs in out-of-the-ordinary ways. Experience shows that He will.

### **Equal sacrifice not equal gifts**

We want to be a people who give sacrificially but also freely. What giving sacrificially means to each person is a relative thing and we are approaching this on the basis of *“equal sacrifice not equal gifts”*. Give to the Lord in proportion to what He has given you. The important thing is that we each give what He has asked of us, no more, no less – He knows our hearts, our circumstances and the cost of our sacrifice.

# Commitment form for gift & pledge

## Your details

This card represents amounts separate to regular giving.

Name	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>
Phone	<input type="text"/>

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Please read the following statement:  
"I'm a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less income tax and/or capital gains tax in the tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations, it's my responsibility to pay any difference back to HMRC".

If you believe we can claim gift aid on your gift(s), please sign below

Signed:	<input type="text"/>
Date:	<input type="text"/>

Changes to your Gift Aid Please let us know if you'd like to cancel this declaration, change name, address or no longer pay enough income tax and/or capital gains tax.

## Instructions

- > Complete all relevant sections and place, along with your upfront gift, in the freepost envelope on page 14 (more envelopes are available from the Connect Area).
- > Either post the envelope to us or place it in the Sunday offering. If enclosing cash we recommend bringing it along with you on a Sunday.

## Upfront Gift

My gift is: £	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> My gift is enclosed	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> I will send it by	<input type="text"/>

Cheques payable to Trent Vineyard or bank transfer to:

Bank	<b>Barclays</b>
Account Name	<b>Trent Vineyard</b>
Account Number	<b>80008346</b>
Sort Code	<b>20 - 63 - 25</b>
Reference	<b>(mysurname)/BG17</b>

### Pledge

If making a recurring payment, please tick one of the following boxes:

- I am setting up a standing order directly with my bank asking them to quote the reference (mysurname)/BG17.
- Please send the standing order details as completed directly to my bank on my behalf.

If setting up a standing order directly with your bank, please only complete **part one** of the standing order form.

If you would like Trent Vineyard to set up the standing order on your behalf please complete **part one** and **part two** of the standing order form.

### Bank Standing Order

#### Part one

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS

Amount: £

New amount (words):

Frequency: monthly / quarterly / yearly

Start date:

For:  years  months

### Part two

To the manager of your bank

Bank:

Bank Address:

Post Code:

Name on your account:

Acc. number:

Sort code:

Please pay the amount indicated to:  
Trent Vineyard Account number 80008346  
Sort code 20-63-25 quote reference  
(yoursurname)/BG17

**Please do not change any existing Standing Order instructions to Trent Vineyard.**

Signed:

Date:

Information relating to your gift aid status and upfront giving will not be passed onto your bank.

## Pray with us

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As a church we will be praying and fasting at various levels for two weeks beginning 20th March.

You might like to tear off this card as a reminder of things to be praying for and those days when you intend to fast.

### **Please pray for:**

- > Faith, courage and perseverance for the whole church as we press into making room for more
- > The Lord's stirring of His people to give all the money which is needed
- > John and Debby Wright, and Nigel Briggs, as they lead this project
- > The Lord's purposes in the coming months to be fulfilled
- > Everyone involved in the construction process
- > As little disruption as possible to the everyday life of the church

As a reminder to yourself, you might want to mark the days when you intend to fast.

<b>Mon</b>	20th	27th
<b>Tues</b>	21st	28th
<b>Wed</b>	22nd	29th
<b>Thurs</b>	23rd	30th
<b>Fri</b>	24th	31st
<b>Sat</b>	25th	1st
<b>Sun</b>	26th	2nd

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# Frequently Asked Questions

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## **We're already a very large church. Why do we want to get any bigger?**

This vision for increasing space for adults, youth and children is not driven by the desire to become larger. It is our response to what we believe the Lord is clearly initiating and opening doors to. God is continuing to bring more and more people to join the church. We can either choose to settle or to make room for more. Our desire is to choose the latter.

## **Aren't there ways to reduce the pressure of growth like planting churches out?**

There are many and varied ways churches handle out-growing their buildings. Some divide the church up and plant out key staff members locally. We simply don't believe that is the route God is initiating for us.

Planting further afield: We have planted 9 churches in the last 12 years without any significant reduction in our rate of growth. We anticipate planting many more churches in the coming years. However, planting churches is not a strategy to reduce growth but rather our response to God's initiation in calling certain people to start their own church.

## **What about doing more services?**

We could do more than two services to ease the pressure of growth. This is an option that has received a great deal of consideration and counsel from other church leaders who have gone down this route. The balance of that wisdom and counsel is that three or even four services are possible but not preferable. Given the option of extending or multiplying services, the general advice is "*if it's possible to expand your physical space, go for it!*". Staying with two services enables expectation and space for the Spirit to move among us, freedom for relaxed social time before and after services, and the Pastoral Staff to all be present and engaged with the

church family in a way that increasing the number of services would not. If the option to expand was not there, we would certainly consider this route. However, the Lord seems to be speaking clearly to us about expanding our space.

### **When will the building works be completed?**

Our aim is to begin work expanding the auditorium and building the Kid's Centre as soon as possible following the Gift Day on 2nd of April, with a view to completing most or all of the work by the end of this year. However, this will depend on a number of factors, the chief of which is raising sufficient money to proceed as planned.

### **Why are we giving to, or spending so much on, things which don't directly benefit our church?**

As has been the case with every previous building project, we believe the Lord is asking us to look beyond simply getting enough money for our own expansion to needs outside of that. Reflecting our normal policy of

22% of our income being "given to or spent on that which does not directly benefit our church", we believe the Lord is inviting us to take this step of faith which will potentially release hundreds of thousands of pounds to be spent on His purposes beyond us.

### **How will we pay for the whole project?**

We anticipate that the majority of the money will come from the people in this church, in both upfront gifts and in ongoing pledges. Assuming we get sufficient of the total in as upfront cash, we anticipate increasing our mortgage (which is currently £0.9m) to supplement the giving and enable the project to proceed before all the pledged money comes in.

### **Can I give assets as well as cash?**

Yes, however, we would prefer where possible that you sell them yourself. You may have things you wish to give such as jewellery or property, which need to be sold in order to release their value. If it is not practical for you to sell them and you would like us to assist

you with this please make a note on the Commitment Form along with an estimate of the value, and we'll contact you to make arrangements.

You can also donate shares and other types of investments. Depending on your circumstances you may be eligible for tax relief if you make a gift in this way. In any event we recommend you take appropriate financial advice.

**What if we don't get enough money?**

That would cause a delay. However, we would look at ways of doing the work in stages as we are able to afford them.

**What if more than £2.4m is given and pledged?**

That would of course be wonderful! We would be able to proceed with everything we have planned, and anything beyond this would be allocated towards reducing our mortgage, new ministry initiatives and capital projects.

**What if a disaster happened which prevented us doing this project?**

There is always the possibility the

project could be delayed, in which case we would persevere. However, if it became either impossible to proceed or perhaps due to some major unforeseen circumstance no longer sensible to proceed, then the money in the "building fund" at that point would be offered proportionately back to those who gave it. Other than the situation above, money which has been given cannot be returned.

**Will any of the Pastoral Staff know what I'm giving?**

It is our intention for none of the Pastoral Staff to know what you give. John and Debby would want to acknowledge any gift but would not know the amount. We feel it protects the pastoral relationship by keeping what you give confidential. This is between you and the Lord, and we want no one to feel pressurised to perform for anyone.

Our financial staff will be responsible for counting and processing gifts and keeping records.

**Do we have the expertise to manage a project of this size?**

Yes we do. Nigel Briggs has brought together a team of highly experienced professionals, many of whom have played significant roles in our previous building projects.

**Can we really achieve this goal?**

Yes we can.

- > We can do this because we believe the Lord is in it.
- > We can do this if we are willing to take the risk and pay the cost.
- > We can do this if we are willing to make room for more.

**What will I be expected to give?**

As page 11 unpacked, each of us should give what we believe the Lord is asking us to give. It will involve sacrifice, but we want everyone to give freely and cheerfully.

All contributions are valuable however large or small. With a pledge over say 4 years, it is amazing how much a monthly sacrifice releases over such a period.

<b>Monthly</b>	<b>yearly</b>	<b>over 4 years</b>
£10	£120	£480
£50	£600	£2,400
£100	£1,200	£4,800
£500	£6,000	£24,000
£1,000	£12,000	£48,000

**Can I change my pledge?**

Yes. If for any reason you wish to alter your pledge (if your financial situation changes, for example) you can either increase or decrease your commitment to this project. We just ask that you please inform the church finance team by emailing [giving@trentvineyard.org](mailto:giving@trentvineyard.org) or in writing.

**What if I'm reading this brochure after the Gift Day?**

The 2nd April 2017 is simply the day on which we hope to give enough to enable this vision to become a reality. However, we want everyone who would like to participate to feel very much a part of our on-going journey, by contributing to all that the Lord has called us to as a church.

A large group of people, including children and adults, are dancing in a dimly lit room. The room has a high ceiling with exposed pipes and hanging lights. A large projector screen is visible in the background. The atmosphere is lively and festive.

If you have any questions please feel free to talk to any of the Senior Leadership Team or Trustees, or email [roomformore@trentvineyard.org](mailto:roomformore@trentvineyard.org)

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USE PLENTY OF ROPE, DRIVE THE TENT PEGS DEEP.  
YOU’RE GOING TO NEED LOTS OF ELBOW ROOM  
FOR YOUR GROWING FAMILY. ...DON’T BE AFRAID -  
YOU’RE NOT GOING TO BE EMBARRASSED.  
DON’T HOLD BACK - YOU’RE NOT GOING  
TO COME UP SHORT”

*(Isaiah 54:2-4, The Message)*

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