

Who's in charge?

We are glad to say that **Marion Strawhorne** is the **Centre Manager** of The Wellspring - she is in charge and the leadership team of WCC have tasked her with ensuring our new home is kept in good order, a welcoming place for visitors and an efficiently-run centre of excellence enjoyed by many.



At times she may well need to ask for the help of others for various duties, we hope you will do all you can to make her job a joyful one!

Marion's job is not to spend all day picking up other people's rubbish (we expect all room users to leave the rooms in the state they find them in or better!) Rather, Marion's job is to oversee room bookings, deal with visitors on arrival, liaise with cleaners, ensure the building is in good working order and is a safe place to visit.

Please do pray for her in this new and exciting role as she administrates the 'ministry of the building.' And please don't get confused with other admin staff roles, namely that Julia Graham is the Church's Operations Manager (administrating the 'ministry of the people'); Rachel Carstairs is our Finance Administrator who deals with book-keeping and the finances of both the Church and the Centre. In other words, if you have any questions about The Wellspring, ask Marion *first!*

How to book a room

We are implementing a simple system for people to book a room at The Wellspring - we want the place to be buzzing with life and full of people, it is a resource to be enjoyed!

This same system will be used for WCC members as well as outside users - the same form will be used, and bookings managed by Marion using a system that will help prevent room-booking clashes. Of course, if you want to use the building for ministry purposes we are not going to make you pay for it!! Nevertheless, you will need to book as follows:

Initially we would ask for all room bookings to be submitted via a member of the Senior Leadership Team as each SLT member has an area of ministry responsibility. For example, if you want to plan a singer's practice in the auditorium, please submit the request via Clive Ross who will then pass the request on to Marion. We'll review the process, but we want to kick things off by using consistent forms and helping Marion manage the centre diary. *Thanks!*



'Built for the glory of God and the refreshing of the people'

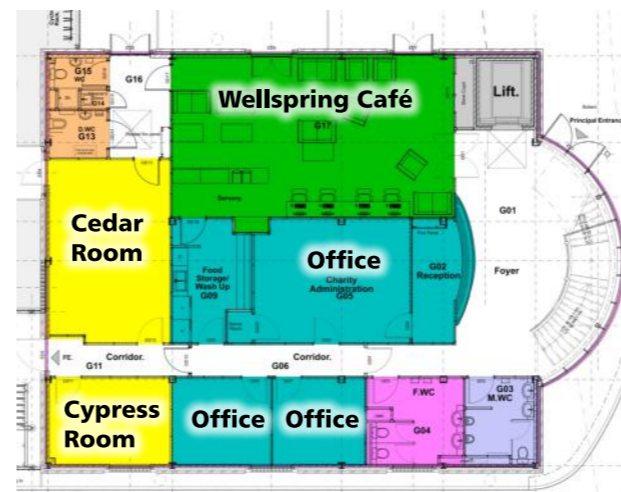
The Wellspring Church Centre

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Building Layout

GROUND FLOOR

Two activity rooms and a Cafe will be available for hire/use. The Food Storage/Wash up room and offices will have restricted access for security and safety purposes



FIRST FLOOR

Two further activity rooms upstairs and (of course) the auditorium will be available for hire/use.



Please read: Important info

Good neighbours: Let's ensure we are respectful and friendly neighbours, avoiding litter and noise nuisance, too.

Site safety: The Wellspring is situated on an 'island' site surrounded by roads accessible to the public with vehicles using these roads day and night. Therefore it is essential all parents/guardians do not let their children leave the building unattended - they are just a few steps away from an accident. Let's be sensible and look after our children!

Buggies: If you come to The Wellspring with a buggy, we would like you to know that you and your child are welcome indeed! To keep people safe and dry, we would ask that you park prams and buggies sensibly, folding them down and not blocking any doors or fire exits - in fact, we expect to create a small buggy park at the rear of the building under the covered fire exit for use during busy periods; use this area. If the fire alarm goes off, the lift cannot be used. Therefore babies will have to be carried downstairs and buggies left on the first floor.

Lift: We have a fantastic new lift installed which meets all safety requirements and is designed to make access between floors safe and comfortable. It is there primarily for those who are unable to use the stairs! So please do not use it unnecessarily because when you use it, it means someone else can't. Parents, please do not allow your children to play in the lift. Simple, really! We trust you to respect this instruction as we don't want to end up locking it (how unfortunate would that be!) Besides, with such beautiful stairs to use we should make the most of them!

Stairs: We have a nice wide staircase, so to prevent accidents and for ease of walking, it would be good practice to keep to the right hand side when walking up or down. Parents, please do not allow your children to run up and down the stairs or play on them. This also applies to the rear fire exit staircase.

Wash Up area: This is only to be used by those who are on washing up duty, anyone else will be classed as unauthorised. It is not to be used as a thoroughfare. Anyone under the age of 16 should not use this area at any time. We will have an urn that produces boiling water so parents please make sure your children do not go into this area.

Tea/Coffee Break: Please be aware that during this time, people are milling about with boiling drinks as well as the coffee flasks. It would be safer if children were not running around people that are drinking.



Welcome to the new home of Watford Community Church!

This guide will help you get to grips with the new Church Centre God has given us to look after and use in furthering His great purpose - namely to bring help and hope to the people of our town and beyond. This building is not an object to be worshipped, it is a tool to be used. It is more than a gift to us as church members, it is a bold investment in the beloved men and women, boys and girls who live in this corner of the world Christ died to save. Moreover, this building has been given to future generations, not just our own, so that long after we have gone, the refreshing waters of God's grace and truth will remain, bubbling over by the power of the Spirit.

desk to doorways and beyond. We have also carried through the building common floor finishes and colours, avoiding weak pastel shades and materials that seem flimsy or washed out. Instead we have gone for the bold, the strong and the vibrant.

Thirdly, The Wellspring is a building designed intelligently and with efficiency in mind. The heating and lighting systems are set up to prevent energy wastage and yet ensure the rooms are warm and usable during the winter and comfortably cool in the summer. We have also equipped the centre for the creative and flexible use of visual media and wireless networking technology, these features giving us the capacity for clear communication as well as providing excellent facilities to hire out to centre users including businesses.

'May those expecting mediocrity see something of His Majesty.'

I want to point out to you some important things as we move in. Firstly, I hope you will see a mark of quality all around you. We could have built The Wellspring more cheaply than we have, but we do not worship a cheap God. And, if we take a cue from the tabernacle and temple craftsmen of the Old Testament (under Almighty's instruction), or more recently the cathedral builders of our own nation, we see the potential for a building to glorify God. A spectacular glass frontage boldly upholding the colourful wondrous cross will welcome people into a church that genuinely is, open to 'anybody'. The doors, materials, colours, artwork, use of technology and lighting have been specified to a high standard with the expectation that ordinary people may get a hint from being in The Wellspring that we worship an extraordinary God. May those expecting mediocrity see something of His Majesty.

Finally, and most importantly I want to highlight just how much love has been poured into The Wellspring. Countless hours of loving service invested by Alan Palmer who has managed the project so well for over 3 years, his team of advisors and prayer partners meeting weekly to pray and working into the night on the fit-out (not least Bill Strawhorne and Laurence Everitt). Our architects and professional team have gone beyond the call of duty to make The Wellspring excellent and the site foreman has continued with dedication and even affection for the project. To pay for it all hundreds of thousands have been lovingly given over the years by you, WCC members, other churches and friends all over the country. As the apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians, love has the power to 'build up' - well this is a physical example of just that!

As we prepare to move into our new home, do not think even for a moment anyone deserves any glory other than the Lord. As Isaiah declared before God, 'all we have accomplished is really from you.' (Isa 26:12)

Enjoy this guide, enjoy this journey and let's be sure and look after this gift the Father has given.

- Tim Roberts



Secondly, you will see how central the cross is to the design elements in the building - the '5 squares' theme is carried throughout from reception

Your guide to our new home

Where can I park?

One of the regular talking points in the build-up to moving into The Wellspring has been about car parking. Well, as this map shows that within about 5 minute's walk there are over 50 street-side parking spaces on single-yellow-line stretches of road or areas where there are Monday-Saturday daytime pay-and-display parking bays.

There are also plenty of car parking spaces over at Tesco and the Waterfields retail parks, where time restrictions apply.

Beyond that there are hundreds of spaces in the nearby Harlequin Centre and Town Centre car parks along with Long Stay car parks like Sutton and Gade.

Of course we want to encourage you to use public transport wherever possible and enjoy the opportunity to walk if you are physically able to do so.

Two **Disabled spaces** are available on at The Wellspring and there is a **drop-off zone** just outside the entrance for those who need to be given a lift to the centre. On Sundays and major events these spaces will be monitored by a car parking steward.

Wherever you drive/park we must encourage you to park sensibly, take responsibility to read parking/road signs carefully and take the opportunity to share vehicles wherever possible.

On **match days** (football/rugby at Vicarage Road Stadium) there are additional restrictions (e.g. some parking bays suspended except for permit holders from 1pm) - we will endeavour to keep The Wellspring Church Centre website updated with match day details.

There is a small car park at the rear of our site - we expect this to be used primarily for staff and key team leaders for each event.

In all of this, let's 'park as unto the Lord' as Ron Corzine once encouraged us, and put others first in all that we do: If we are fit and well enough to walk let's arrive in good time, choose the spaces that are slightly further away and leave the better spaces for visitors or those who would be blessed by this convenience. Thank you!

On yer bike!

The Wellspring is equipped with a bike rack (in a fenced-off area at the rear) for you to lock your bicycle to so why not save the planet and boost your health by cycling to the Centre? We'd love you to make so much use of your bike that we need to get more racks!

Most of the areas marked here with a yellow line along the road edge are in fact **unrestricted on weekday evenings (after 6.30pm) and all day Sunday except designated Match Days when a restriction begins at 1pm**



Buses & trains

The Wellspring is within just a couple of minutes' walk from Watford High Street station, with **trains** operated by London Overground with services to Watford Junction (and from there to loads of places) but also direct services into London via Carpenders Park, Harrow and Wealdstone and Wembley.

There are two **bus stops** on the Lower High Street - A and B (labeled 'Watford High Street Station' and 'Waterfields Way' respectively) with services provided by a number of bus companies, many of which run services on weekends. See right for a list of bus services that use these stops.

The best website to visit for information is: <http://www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk>

Bus routes

LOWER HIGH STREET STOPS A&B

Arriva the Shires & Essex:

Route 2: Watford - Bushey / South Oxhey (Circular)

Route 8: Mount Vernon Hospital - Abbots Langley

Route 142: Brent Cross - Watford

Route 258: South Harrow - Watford

Route 809: Rickmansworth - Bushey Heath

Route W7: Borehamwood - Watford

Route W9: Borehamwood - Bushey - Watford

Route W1: outh Oxhey - Abbots Langley

Uno: Route 602: Watford - Hatfield

Sullivan Buses: Route 951, Thorpe Park - Borehamwood

Red Rose Travel:

Route W19: Carpenders Park - North Bushey

Route W20: Watford - Oxhey Hall - Watford (Circular)

Bus routes

FROM OTHER TOWN CENTRE BUS STOPS

Arriva the Shires and Essex:

Route 10: Woodside - Watford - Watford High Street (Stop E) - Hollywell Estate circular -

Route 320/321: Hemel Hempstead - Adeyfield - Garston - Watford - Watford High Street (Stop C) - Croxley Green Rickmansworth -