



# Open Church House



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# URC 50th Jubilee

Open Church House – Saturday 15 April 2023

## General programme information

On Saturday 15 April 2023 from 10am to 12 noon, Church House will be open to pre-registered guests to walk around the building, and that of Lumen URC next door, to engage with presentations, exhibitions, activities and conversations about different areas of the URC's life and work. The groups represented around Church House and Lumen URC, are as follows:

## Lumen URC

**Refreshments** will be available in the café area.

**GEAR Prayer Labyrinth** will be based in the main Sanctuary, with the light funnel offered as a quiet reflective space.

**A Pioneer Minister** will be present nearby to speak about their Pioneering work in West Thamesmead.

**Fresh Expressions** will be, weather permitting, in the Lumen courtyard, otherwise in the space at the front door at Lumen, offering plant-based activities and reflections.

**A Mission Enabler** will be available to talk about what the role looks like across our Synods.

**Cascades of Grace** (Global and Intercultural Ministries) will be based in CS2 at Lumen, offering music, conversation, movement and activities around racial justice.

## Church House Lower Ground Floor

**Reform** will have a display of *Reform* magazine cover over its 50 years and the Communications Team will also be present to talk about the magazine and other communication matters. Resources and copies of *Reform* are available for you to take away.

**Children's and Youth Work** will offer all-age conversations, storytelling and badge-making. Wear your badge proudly on the Walk to Westminster – and see how many other URC people you can spot on the way!

**Commitment for Life** will offer a presentation for all ages, conversations and other activities. Interfaith guests, Christian Aid and Global Justice Now will be in this area too.

**Singing workshop** will alternate with the puppet show to give people a sneak preview and practice of the hymns that will be sung at the afternoon service in Methodist Central Hall Westminster.

## Church House Ground Floor

**Refreshments** will be available in the Madge Saunders Room.

**Exhibition from the Archives** will be based in the Fred Kaan room, containing artefacts and documents from our history.

**The URC History Society** will have information about what it does and when available.

## Church House First Floor

**Education and Learning/Stepwise/Safeguarding** will offer a range of discussions, conversations and activities, with sweets and balloons, craft and quizzes.

**ROOTS** will be in the library area with a banner and giveaways.

**Church and Society** will explore how the URC has witnessed for peace, social justice and environmental care over the last five decades. Discover some of the 'Revolting Christians' who have been change-makers and join in with our latest campaign action.

**Church Related Community Work (CRCW)** will provide information about CRCW ministry, with pictures of CRCW projects/communities, leaflets and balloons.

**Ecumenical Relations** will provide an opportunity to explore CTE's Flexible Framework, looking at ways to partner in mission with other local churches in your area, and will also offer an overview of the national ecumenical bodies' current work.

**Racial Justice Advocates** will offer information and conversation about their work.

**URC Interfaith Enabling Group** will give an overview of the history of the URC's relations with other faith communities and offer some thoughts on interfaith relations at the local level.

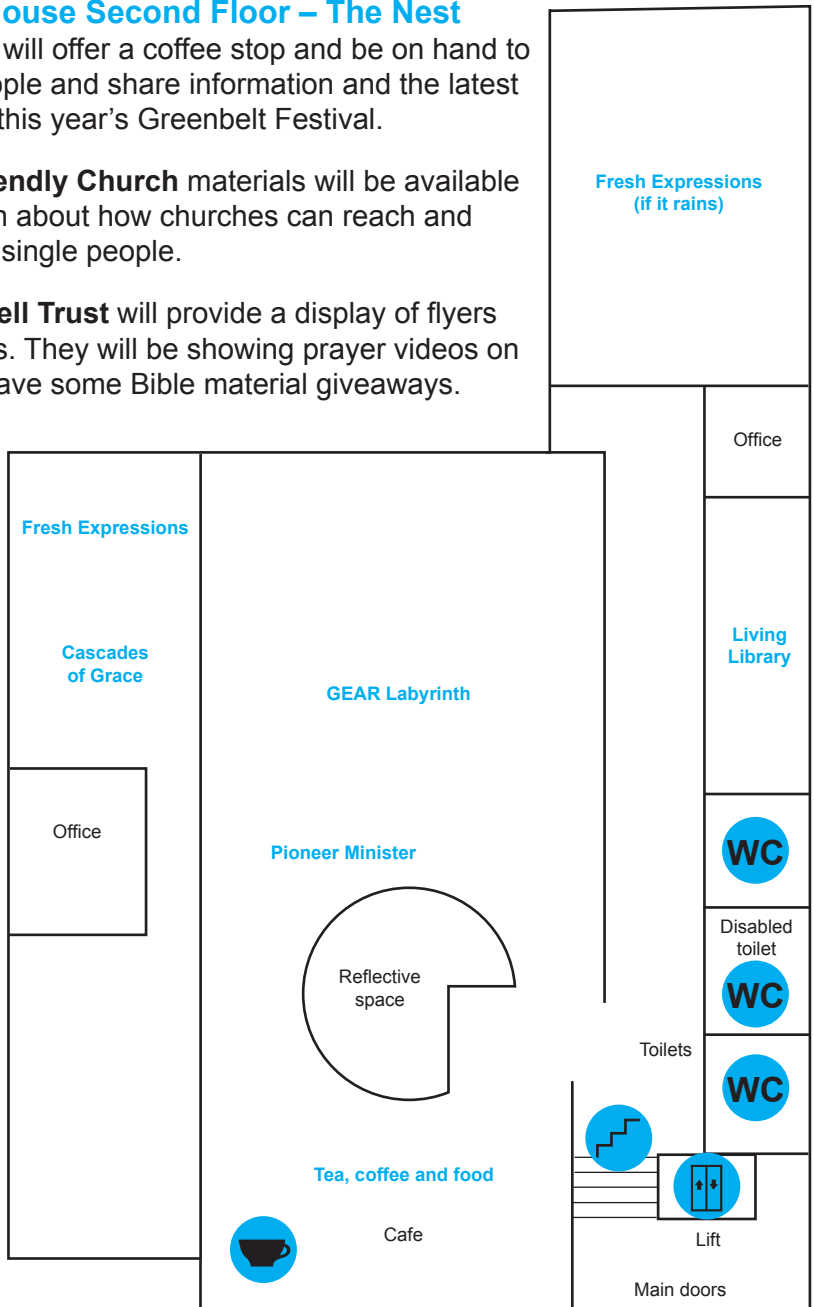
### Church House Second Floor – The Nest

**Greenbelt** will offer a coffee stop and be on hand to chat to people and share information and the latest line-up for this year's Greenbelt Festival.

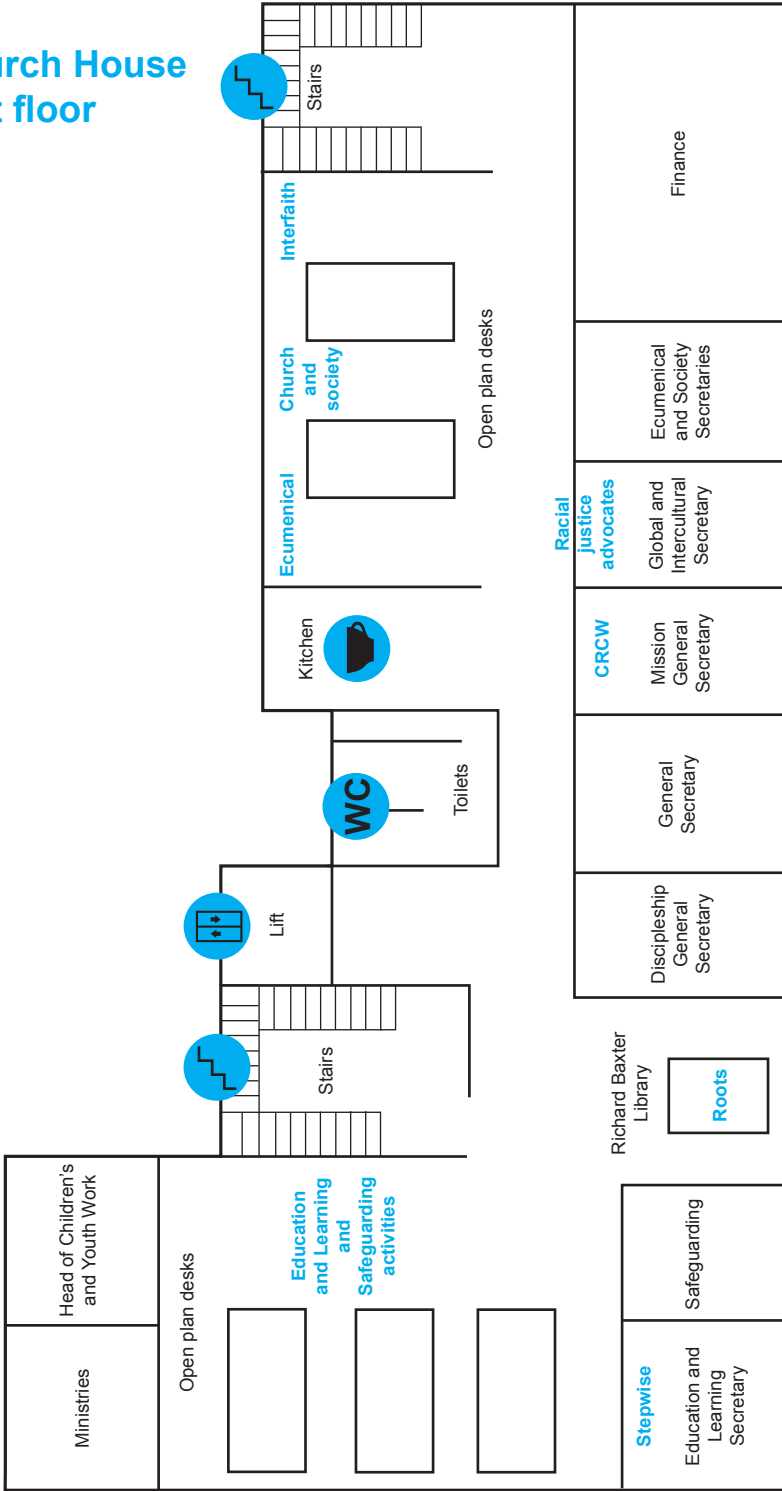
**Single Friendly Church** materials will be available that explain about how churches can reach and minister to single people.

**The Trussell Trust** will provide a display of flyers and leaflets. They will be showing prayer videos on loop and have some Bible material giveaways.

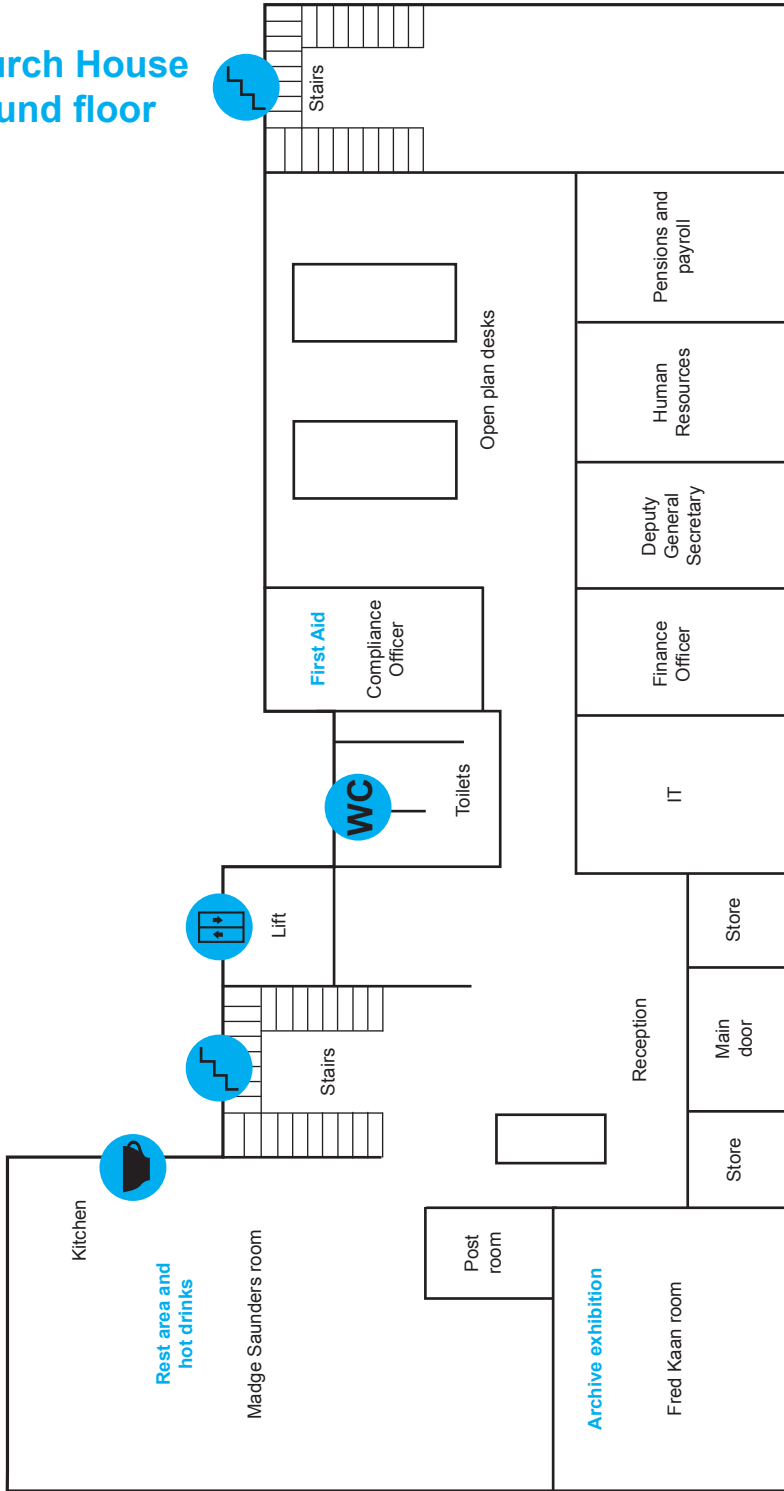
### Lumen



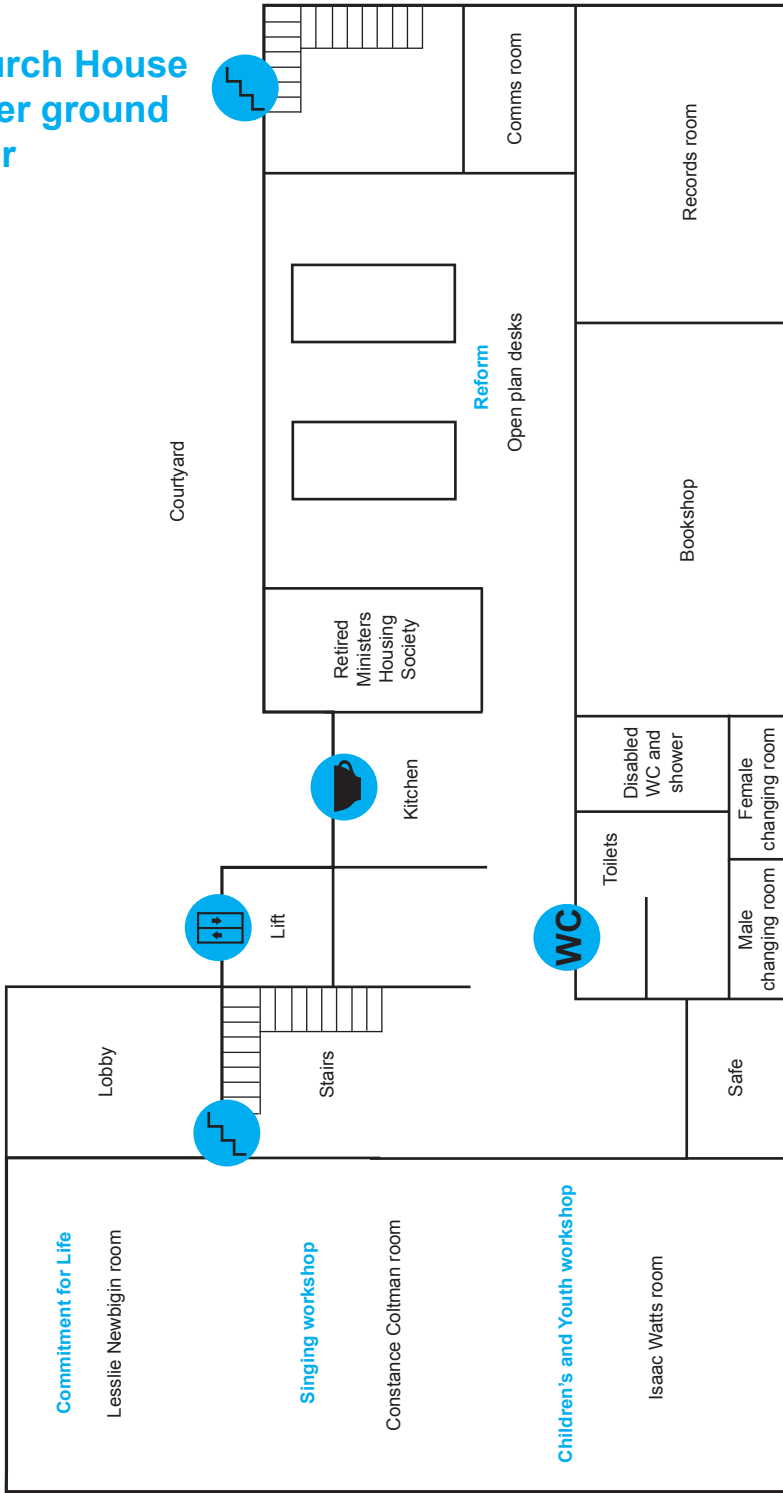
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