



We're moving!

Beeston Free is going to look a bit different during the Spring term in 2024! This is your guide to the important things you need to know



Why are we moving?

You might know that in 2020 we completed development of the Broadgate end of the building (small hall, foyer, kitchen and upstairs). This was all to allow us to have a building fit for the purpose of fulfilling our aims for local, national and global mission.

We are now in position to complete the second and final phase of the building work. We'll be refurbishing the main hall area, which includes the installation of a ventilation system, new lighting, a new IT and AV system, and new décor and flooring. The work will also include the creation of additional storage space and improvements to our energy efficiency.

This work is scheduled to take place from January-March 2024 and while it's happening the main hall will not be usable. So we need to make alternative arrangements for Sunday services. The rest of the building will still be available to us so the majority of our midweek groups and ministries will be able to run.

Where are we going to be meeting on a Sunday?

We're really thankful that Cornerstone Church are making their building available to us, for Beeston Free to be able to meet on a Sunday afternoon. Our first service will be on **Sunday 7 January**.

Address:

Cornerstone Church, 90 Castle Blvd,
Nottingham NG7 1FP

Find it on Google maps [here](#)



How can I get there?

By Tram

The nearest tram stop is Gregory Street, on line 3 (Hucknall - City Centre - Toton).

By Bus

Trentbarton: Skylink
Alderney Street Stop on Castle Boulevard (1 minute walk)

Nottingham City Transport: Orange Line (No. 34, 35, 36)
Savoy Cinema Stop on Derby Road (10 minute walk)

By Car

The Cornerstone carpark will be available but will not have enough space for everyone. We encourage you to share lifts and are exploring further parking options - we will be in touch when those are confirmed.

By Foot

Many of you based in Lenton will be a lot closer to Cornerstone than Beeston Free, so we hope you enjoy the time with our meeting place being closer!

What will a Sunday look like?

Service time

We'll all be meeting together for one service at 2:45pm with the service finishing at 4:00pm. Our services will be similar in style and format to usual, but everyone met together rather than split across our current morning and evening services. We won't be able to have refreshments afterwards and will need to leave fairly promptly so we can be clear of the building by 4:30pm. But if you'd like to have a chance to catch up with people, coming early at 2:15pm when doors open, will be a great opportunity to do that.

Kids work

There will be kids work available for the usual 0-11 age range. So crèche, bunnies and junior church will all be running. 3D will not be able to meet as there won't be sufficient time after the end of the service for that to take place.

Serving on a Sunday

If you're currently serving in anyway on a Sunday at Salthouse Lane, things are obviously going to look different! But we still very much need your help! Keep an eye out for messages from ministry leaders, to let you know what serving needs there are for the 3 months we're at Cornerstone.

Livestream

The service will be livestreamed for those who can't make services in person. As now, we would encourage you to use the livestream when you need but to prioritise being there in person if you can.

Training opportunities

With no services in the morning, that will give us chance to do some focused training seminars on a Sunday morning at Salthouse Lane, using the small hall. Look out for more details on what will be covered and when these will run.

What will be happening for midweek ministries?

Most groups will be running as normal at Salthouse Lane but with some adjustments, where groups normally use the main hall. Look out for more details of the differences to be communicated by the leaders of those ministries.

And most importantly... What might God do among us during this time?

We're really thankful that we can still meet together in person, in a church building and very grateful for Cornerstone's support.

But we're aware it's a change and some of us love that and some of us don't! We realise that gathering all together will be exciting for some and daunting for others. We appreciate the change of service time might help some or be a challenge. Most of us will have to travel further than we do now.

So through this season of change, it's good to recognise how different people will feel and to love each other well. It will be an opportunity to serve others, by inviting people for lunch before services, maybe meeting folk on a Sunday morning with the time available, sharing lifts to services. If you've got concerns or questions do let someone know so they can help. Do contact the church office if anything isn't clear or you need support.

But we hope that having familiar patterns for Sunday disrupted, will give us fresh engagement in our Sunday worship and help us not just go through the motions. And we're very grateful we are able to get the work done to improve Salthouse Lane!

Thanks to all of you for your generosity in making that happen.



Beeston Free Church

January - March 2024

