

*gateway* | PLEDGE 490

# Gateway builds a home, presence and a future



## OUR BUILDING VISION:

We see a church building as being a vital asset for connecting our faith community to each other and also offering hospitality to our wider community.

A place of belonging where identity can be forged - a place to come 'home' to. A 'home' that nurtures and fosters biblical community and hospitality.

A home is comfortable and welcoming, where food is eaten and life is lived both in times of celebration and lament.

Our hope is that the building is a symbol that represents the presence of God in our city and is spilled out in the lives of our people.

A functional but simply beautiful design as its architecture speaks of something sacred and different to the symbols of our culture.

This project is an investment for future generations, with architecture that is built to last and that can facilitate the dreams of our children and their children as they faithfully follow Christ in our city.

# Our New Building

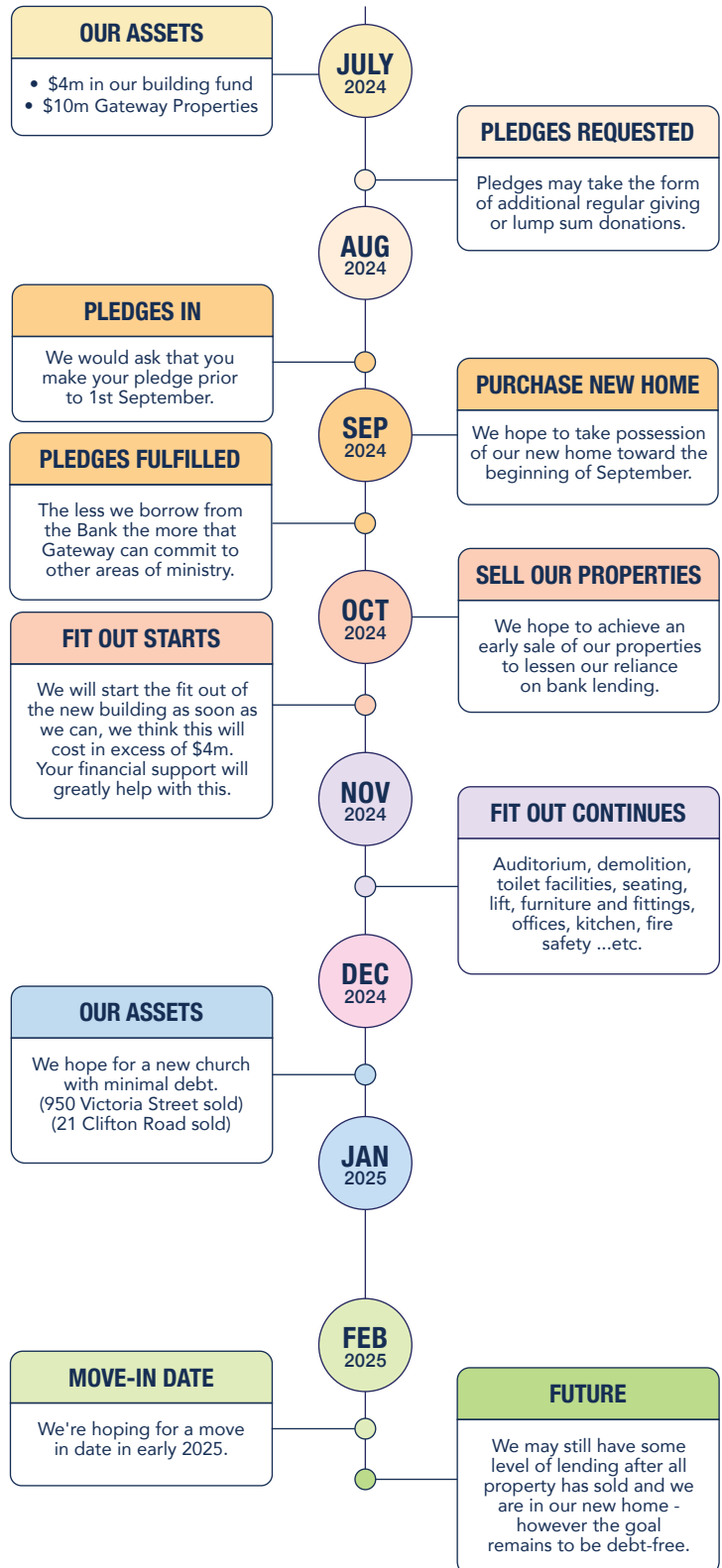
## WHAT IS PLEDGE 490?

We are close to making the final commitment to purchasing the new building at 490 Grey Street, but we need your help to move things onto the next stage.

At present the purchase of 490 Grey Street remains conditional upon a number of factors, we anticipate being able to move to an unconditional agreement in August with settlement shortly thereafter. Meanwhile to help us understand what our likely financial position might be, we would ask that you consider making a financial pledge towards this exciting time in the life of Gateway. **We're calling this Pledge 490.**

We think you will agree that we should have a strong preference to reduce our reliance on bank lending. While we are grateful for the support of our banking partner and the finance structure they have provided, we wish to examine ways that will reduce or cover the interest cost associated with our interim borrowing. Additionally we would love to have enough funding to complete the full fit out of the new property in time for our big move.

It is with this in mind that we now invite you to prayerfully consider what part you may be able to play as we seek to establish this new home for the generations to come.



# How can you help?

## AN INVITATION

We invite you to consider supporting our Gateway family in two ways:

- 1 Help to complete the fit out ready for us to move into our new church in early 2025
- 2 Help us reduce or cover interest costs as we move to the new building and sell the existing Gateway building/s

We are asking that you consider helping us achieve these objectives, offering what you can.

## Continue to pray

*Please continue to ask for God's wisdom, guidance and provision for the next stages of the process.*

We understand that for some, a financial contribution is not possible at this time. We want to highlight that a pledge to prayer is incredibly valued.

Would you be willing to set aside regular prayer not only for the practical requirements but that this new home would help fulfil Gateway's vision?

## Additional regular giving

*Regularly giving each week/month towards the fit out or interest costs.*

You may be unable to afford a lump sum gift but could give regular amounts, over and above your usual giving each month over a period of time. These ongoing gifts will be an important annual income to help service any debt e.g. an additional \$49 p.w. over a 1 year period will contribute \$2548 towards this project!

These gifts will qualify for a tax rebate and will be included in your annual donation certificate.

## One-off Donations

*These donations will go towards the fit out of the new building, the fit out is required to meet many regulatory requirements and to make the building suitable for our Church family.*

We invite you to consider providing a gift for our new home. Initially gifts will be applied toward the cost of fitting out 490 Grey Street:

Auditorium (seating, carpet, acoustic treatment, stage, air conditioning, lighting), carpet, toilet facilities, lift, offices and meeting rooms, soft furnishing, kids spaces, other)

Gifts in excess of our initial fit out costs may be utilised to support interest costs and/or reduce debt. All such donations qualify for the 33% donations tax-rebate.

## Other

We are very open to any other suggestions you might have that will help us. Please email [finance@gatewaychurch.org.nz](mailto:finance@gatewaychurch.org.nz)

# IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP

Please fill out our online or physical pledge form through **one** of the following methods before 1st of September 2024:

## CHURCH CENTER APP:

Click to the pledge button on our church center app home page

or

## ONLINE FORM:

Complete the form on our website [gatewaychurch.org.nz/gateway-moves/](http://gatewaychurch.org.nz/gateway-moves/)



or

## PHYSICAL FORM:

Fill out the **pledge card attached** and return to Kezz Gurusinghe\* in the envelope provided

*You can drop this off to our church office or place it in the giving boxes at the back of the auditorium*

*\*Please note that Gateway will maintain its practice of confidentiality as pledges and gifts are received. Our Head of Operations Kezz Gurusinghe is the only person who has visibility of the amounts given. Our trustees will not see who has contributed but will oversee all donations to ensure the protection and wise use of the money entrusted to us.*

If the Grey Street church property purchase goes ahead we will be in touch to provide instructions on how you can fulfil your pledge, the timeline inside this booklet may help.

In anticipation, we sincerely thank you for your generosity as you sow into the work that God has called us all to.



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