

LIVINGSTONES IS BECOMING CROSSROADS



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Café & Community Hub

As many of you will appreciate, building work is rarely straightforward—and that has certainly been true for us. Livingstones is an older building, and with that comes the responsibility of bringing it up to modern fire safety standards. This has meant a number of essential upgrades over recent months.

While the process has been challenging at times, we're pleased to say we are now nearing the end of this phase. There's a real sense of progress, and we're hopeful that very soon we'll be able to move on to the more creative and exciting aspects of the project—the "fun bits" we've all been looking forward to.

One of those exciting developments is the design of the CrossRoads café and its street presence. Plans are underway to open up the front of the building, creating a more welcoming and accessible space. We are currently gathering quotes for the new shopfront and look forward to seeing this vision take shape. It will make a significant difference—not just to the building itself, but to how the space connects with the wider community.

With Easter approaching, it feels like the perfect moment to share more about the heart behind the CrossRoads name and logo. The cross is such a central symbol of the Christian faith, representing hope, sacrifice, and new life—making this season a meaningful time to reflect on its significance.

The CrossRoads logo has been thoughtfully designed around a bold, simple plus symbol that subtly transforms into an ampersand. The plus speaks of "more than"—more than a café, more than a venue, more than just a place to pass through. The ampersand represents connection—this and that, people and ideas, coffee and conversation, creativity and community.

It is a symbol of addition, inclusion, and possibility—a space where things don't simply sit side by side, but come together to create something richer.

In essence, the logo tells a simple story: this is a place of "more"—and a place of "and."

Thank you for your continued patience, encouragement, and support as we move closer to opening our doors. There is much to look forward to, and we are excited to share the journey with you.

PLEASE PRAY

Please continue to pray for protection over the Livingstones building, and for everyone coming and going during this busy renovation period — contractors, volunteers, visitors, and the wider community.

Pray for wisdom and clarity as decisions are made around the next stages of the renovation, particularly as we move towards fully equipping the commercial kitchen.

Pray for provision — financially, practically, and creatively — that everything needed will come at the right time and in the right way.

Pray for unity, energy, and peace for everyone involved in bringing this project to life.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer as this journey continues



HELP US CROSS THE FINISH LINE!

The momentum behind Livingstones / CrossRoads café has been nothing short of inspiring. Thanks to the generosity of our local church community, we are entering the final phase of our fundraising goal.

If you've been thinking about giving,

Now is the time.

We need to encourage everyone to join in so we can finish strong and start this new chapter together.

Join the vision:

<https://www.livingstones.org.uk/>

Thank you for your support and for being the "living stones" of this project!

