



SUMMER 2024

UPDATE

Dear friends,

As we enter into the summer months, I wish you all a delightful summer and thank you all for your continued support for the work of Quiet Waters.

This scripture passage came to mind as I sat down to write a few words. *“Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul.” (3 John 1:2).*

I realised that this could be Quiet Water's tagline, as it precisely underpins our charitable work with those who seek our help – *we pray that all may go well with you.*

However, we need qualified counsellors, student counsellors, bereavement listeners, and the admin team to continue our work here. We must also ensure an active board and security in the premises' tenure. It is to these two areas that I want to draw our attention.

Firstly, the role of our Trustees is crucial to the functioning of Quiet Waters. Last month, we said farewell to Dan Rous. Dan brought with him experience in community development, funding, and strategy, and we are sorry to see him go. We wish him well. We are now in a challenging position with only 4 Trustees when, ideally, we should have 6. Constitutionally, we must have a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 8. We particularly need a Trustee with counselling knowledge, whether a trainee or a qualified counsellor. We welcome anyone interested in supporting Quiet Waters to come and have a chat. Please consider this opportunity, and if you are interested, please get in touch with me at **07901 947 345**.

Over the last six months, a lot has happened with the premises. We have had to replace the central heating boiler and majorly repair the roof. We have repaired the leaking roof, which caused water ingress and damaged the back room. While all this was happening, our landlords, the Church of the Nazarene, intimated that they wanted to sell the building. This sale has been in the background for several years but has now come to a head. While I cannot disclose all our discussions, I can advise you that we are looking to purchase the building and are now at an advanced stage. This purchase will give us the long-term security we need and is far better than trying to relocate. I hope that by the time we hold our next gathering, which will be on **Friday, 6th September** at 10 am, we can advise you on the outcome of our discussions with the Church of the Nazarene.

Lastly, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Caroline for her dedicated service to Quiet Waters over the past few years. She has decided to retire, and we wish her every happiness in her next life phase. While we will miss her, we are confident that a new person will step in and continue the vital work that Caroline is leaving behind.

May God bless you all in your work with Quiet Waters and daily lives.

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