



Annual General Meeting Report 2021

(10th November 2021)

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1 Chairman's Remarks

This section reflects my personal remarks about the year. Again this has been an amazing and yet unprecedented year for Barking and Barking Churches Unite and indeed the UK and world. It has been a year where we have engaged even more closely with the Council and this has been demonstrated through regular contact and financial support for the Source. It has been a year we have extended our ministry through Micah Supported Living and a third site that is rent free from the Council at a warehouse in Thames View. It has been a year with the continuation and reduction in restrictions of Covid19; where The Source has remained open throughout all the lockdowns providing love, support and food to the vulnerable in our community.

It has been a year the trustees have believed that BCU should start a supported housing project and to partner with different Christian organisations to acquire property to house the homeless.

To facilitate this dream, BCU has established the Micah Supported Living project (MSL), in partnership with Green Pastures, a Christian charity, who are purchasing these homes on our behalf. The first property of many is due for completion in November 2021.

MSL aims to provide homes for the homeless and vulnerable as well as support to acquire independent living skills. This now provides a real opportunity for those in poverty and homelessness to recover and live sustainable lives.

At the Barking Learning Centre we are now responsible for the Borough's Food Club and Pit Stop which supports, on average 90-114 guests each day. In November we hope to bring back sit down meals and start a recreation café for the homeless in the afternoons. The shop unit tenancy at Vicarage Field Shopping Centre has also been extended by a further 3 years under the same rent-free conditions. This has allowed us to focus on well-being groups, including, bereavement, mental health, employment and drugs support.

BCU is extending its team engaging, a Warehouse Supervisor, a Finance Assistant and a future manager for Micah Supported Living. We have also engaged a funding officer to apply for grants. BCU have partnered closely with the Council and business world and we hope next year that these partnerships will be extended and involve more local businesses.

It has also been a year with the return of the Turning Mission across Barking & Dagenham, where 18 people became Christians in the Barking town centre and 54 people received prayers of blessings. 4 other London boroughs were involved in the Turning Reboot (Merton, Lambeth, Ealing and Croydon) which resulted in a further 86 people becoming Christians and 205 people receiving a blessing. We give thanks and praise to God for the move of the Holy Spirit across our borough and London. In Barking & Dagenham it was a challenge for church involvement as a result of the pandemic, however, around 30 people across the churches were involved in the street evangelism and evening prayer celebrations.

There has also been a move of God towards bring church leaders and congregations in Dagenham to come together to pray and to develop a cohesive strategy to love the community under the umbrella of Dagenham Christians Together. I thank God for this move and the future partnership of churches in Barking & Dagenham to work and pray together.

I reaffirm my comments of the 2020 AGM remarks in that I believe that God is saying that Covid19 has reinforced the fact that it is through the united church in society we can love the community back to life for God and bring about restoration and redemption. The pandemic has caused the physical doors of the church to close and so the call to 'Go' and love the community has increased. I believe the dream of God over our life is that we come alive in His presence within an intimate relationship with Him and through the Holy Spirit we are able to bring life back

to every environment, bringing restoration and redemption, spilling contagious hope into a broken and hurting world. The next move of God I believe is not a revival or movement in the church but a movement of the Christians in our towns and communities; God's kingdom being established in all the spaces that we travel such as our work space and street and establishing them to be Kingdom spaces. The call is to 'Go'. The call to churches and BCU is to release unstoppable, impassioned Spirit-filled Christians into our communities and outside spaces and to be Kingdom people. After Covid19 a 'New Normal' will exist for our society and the world and a "New Normal" will need to be embraced to love the 95% of the people outside our own walls and the church walls, who are in our town and community.

When Kingdom People show up they carry His presence, hope and love. As Kingdom People we carry the culture of the Kingdom. We carry the authority of God as sons, daughters & High Priests. We carry the favour, honour and anointing of God, because the power of the Holy Spirit & presence of God is within us.

I believe that God's heart is to for us to love our community and to release Christians to be shepherds to our town and community. If we are to reach our community, we must reposition ourselves. God is sending us out into the world. Our calling & mission is to carry the Kingdom beyond the church into the heart of the culture.

As Christians we are to transform the culture of the world as God's kingdom. We carry the wind of the Holy Spirit bringing release and authority where we go. Kingdom People release the kingdom everywhere, everyday. We must see our involvement and engagement in structures and institutions, work spaces as kingdom work. We must reject the idea that kingdom work mainly takes place in church buildings.

Compassion and mission are inseparable. The spirit of mission is a spirit of mercy. Kingdom people go around doing good, releasing compassion and healing, because God is in them moving them. Kingdom People release blessing, love and peace in their town. Kingdom People become fathers, mothers and shepherds to their town. Kingdom People partner with their town. Every environment & space alive in His presence.

Kingdom culture empowers believers to bring life to every space. We need to dream over our town for God. We need to be Kingdom People. This is our spiritual DNA. We need to Wake Up (Open our eyes and Arise), Prepare (See and Hear God's heartbeat & Get Ready) and be Mobilised for Action (Shine the Light of Love and the culture of the Kingdom). We need to pray together over our land (2 Chron 7:14). We need to change the culture and spiritual landscape of our community. We need to partner together even more closely as the united body of Christ.

The future of Barking Churches Unite is to facilitate Christians to pray and work together to be Kingdom People in all spaces of our community and helping them to be Kingdom and Prayer Spaces for God. To be culture changers. We are called to 'Go', Be witnesses, and make disciples. To 'Go' into the world and our community and fulfil the Great Commission. Let us love our community back to God. My prayer is that we make every space in Barking and the UK be a Kingdom Space, filled with the presence of God and the Holy Spirit through being Kingdom People.

Mick Mednick – Chair of Barking Churches Unite

2 Barking Churches Unite (BCU)

Barking Churches Unite is a charitable group of Christians from churches in Barking who are committed to working with churches, Christians and volunteers, praying together for the transformation of our community. BCU was established in 2010 and became a registered charity on 7th June 2017. Our charity number is 1173315. We are a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

The Board of trustees includes the following:

Chair	Mick Mednick (Kings Church)
Treasurer	Theresa Ibrahim (St Erkenwald Church)
Secretary	Liz Mednick (Kings Church)
Micah	Bill Dear (St Erkenwald Church)
Grants/Micah	Anne Dear (St Erkenwald Church)
Member	Rev Carlton Smith (New Testament Assembly)
Outreach	Michael Taylor (St Erkenwald Church)
Member	Eddie Anning (Fountain of Life)
Pastoral	Rev Unesu Chindabata (Christ Church)

Mission Statement

Barking Churches Unite is a registered charity working to bring about change in Barking through prayer, the relief of poverty and other initiatives that serve the community and express God's love. We are a group of Christians attending churches across Barking. Barking Churches Unite facilitates contact with the council and other agencies, connecting like-minded Christians in our local area.

Basis of faith

We believe in one God, working as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe in the Lordship of Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection and uphold the Evangelical Alliance Statement of Faith (www.eauk.org) Jesus prayed for unity (John 17:21), Paul commanded we make an effort to maintain it (Ephesians 4:3) and God the Father promises to bless it (Psalm 133) and bring healing to the community through it. (2 Chronicles 7:14).

Organization

Barking Churches Unite is facilitated by a diverse group of Christian Trustees drawn from different church denominations, who include church leaders and Christians, seeking God's face for Barking. The trustees uphold a five-fold ministry and are led by a co-ordinator and chair of trustees. We facilitate communication between churches and among other agencies. Recently, and as a result of our work in the town the council and external bodies have communicated with us as a point of contact to engage with Christians who want to work in the community. We understand that unity is not uniformity and as such we are churches that have different expressions of our faith, believing that we are here to complement rather than compete with one another, and that together as the Body of Christ in Barking we can fulfill God's purpose for our lives in our town.

We see a church that will stand together in prayer to see social and spiritual transformation in our community. We see a church that will pray for one another and support one another practically as the need arises and resources allow. We see a church that will rejoice in what

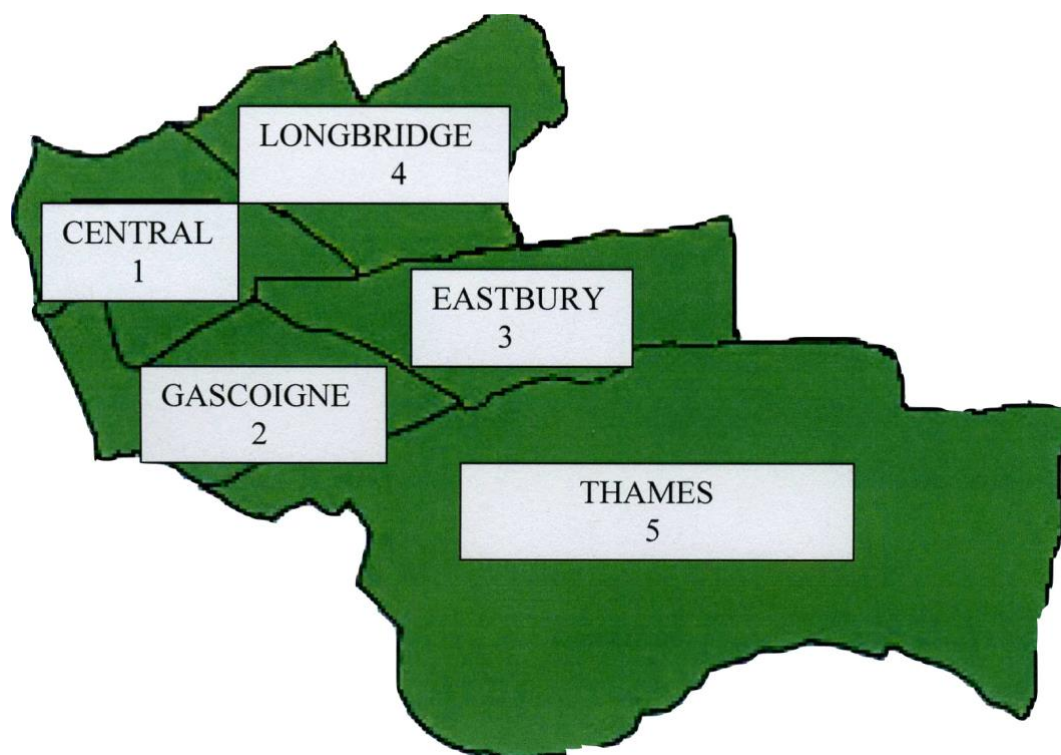
each another is doing and where possible promote that. We see a Church that will help facilitate and support the dreams of one another in order to advance God's kingdom in Barking. We see a church that reaches out and meets the needs of the poor and the community, through joint ministries, initiatives and events.

Any Christian or Barking Church that affirms the preceding statements can join us.

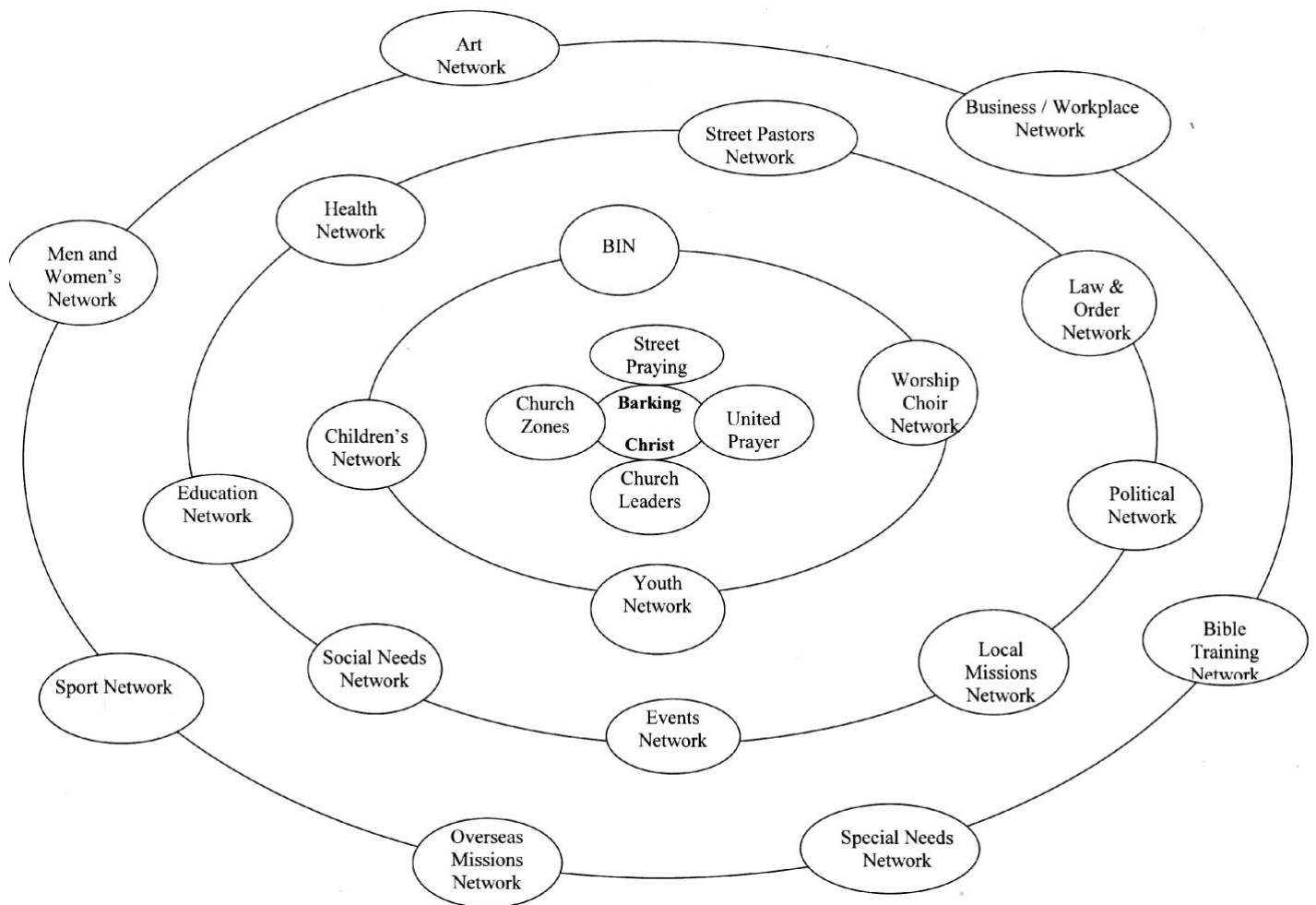
Strategy

1.Prayer

The individual churches are grouped into five zones, loosely based on the council wards. We cover Barking in prayer, through different forms of prayer meetings; church leader meetings, regular prayer walks and corporate prayer meetings in each zone, an intercessors group comprised of people from different churches, and open to all Christians from across the borough.



We are hoping to increase the numbers of intercessors by forming community prayer networks across the borough (see Solar picture below).



Mission and relief of poverty

Through an outpouring of God's love, The Source has been set up, as a retail unit space in Barking town that supports the homeless and helpless to bring about hope, help and restoration in the community.

Through God's leading we have been involved in setting up and we continue to partner with other initiatives; the Food Bank, Hope 4 Barking Dagenham Night Shelter, The Turning, and Kidz Klub. Due to Covid19 some of these initiatives are not operating.

We serve a big God and therefore have a big vision of transformation to Barking. As we encourage and facilitate Christians to be released within their calling through the power of the Holy Spirit, we will see God move in a mighty way

Finance

Finance comes from grants, Barking & Dagenham Council, businesses, personal and church-based donations and through fund raising. We do not apply for lottery or gambling-related funding.

Governance

BCU has a constitutional document and a number of policies that are statutory and of good practice in its operation. These include Child Protection & Safeguarding, Health and Safety, GDPR, Food & Hygiene rating certificate, Complaints procedures and Service Level agreements.

3 The story in the last 12 months

It has been a busy and challenging year for Barking Churches Unite. It has been another unprecedented year with Covid19 pandemic and the lockdowns. It has also been a year where the charity has developed and grown by God's grace and favour. Throughout this period the Source has been open for weekdays and has been there to love our town with food, support and comfort.

The Source now operates out of three sites, a shop unit at the Vicarage Field Shopping Centre, the Barking Learning Centre (a Council building that hosts all the Council services and local library) and a warehouse in Thames View (given to us by the Council). All the sites are provided rent free and the project receives 100% business rate relief from the Council.

Vicarage Field Shopping Centre site is hosting community projects and key working activities and the Barking Learning Centre is responsible for food related projects and accommodation issues. We have developed an even a closer relationship and partnership with the Council and as result The Source started an emergency food parcel service (delivery where necessary), in response to the Council's concerns over the deficit of people while awaiting benefits.

We have also assumed responsibility for the Barking Community Food Club, a council initiative run from the BLC.

We have commenced a partnership with Green Pastures, a Christian charity, through the Micah Supported Living project; our first house / flat coming online late 2021.

The warehouse is now starting to be filled with furniture and white goods and this is slowly being delivered free of charge to those who are in need. However, this work is being thwarted by the absence of a charity van. However, we are praying for the purchase of one by the end of the year and we are seeing God's provision at work as donations start to come in for purchase of our own van.

It has been an amazing year in which we have been successful in gaining a number of grants. We now have a new website and we are to purchase the Restore My Town software to be used across churches to enable them to support the vulnerable in the community and to refer people into local services by the end of the year.

We have also continued our prayer strategy of prayer gatherings through Zoom, prayer intercession (BIN) and street praying. These groups now include children and youth leaders, political network and a Mahabba group. The next move is to develop Kingdom Prayer Spaces in our community and to continue to release people in dreams that God has bestowed upon their heart to fulfil and to sew, grow and release strategy.

4 The Source

The Source is a care centre to support poverty relief in Barking for residents in need of help and support during the day. It is a ministry which is part of Barking Churches Unite (BCU) that works across the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham to support hundreds of people out of hopelessness, homelessness, disadvantage and isolation. The Source is managed by Amanda Grace. Kay Thompson is our Community Worker leading the wellbeing groups at the Source in Vicarage Fields. Gerhard Marais is Pitstop Supervisor. This year we have had a few staff leave for various reasons. We are grateful to Hazel Price, Dave Chuck and Olubola Oguntokun for their service and being a part of our journey in 2021. We pray that the Lord will bless them all in their next steps in the Journey of Life.

Since COVID 19 The Source is open weekdays due to the limitations at the BLC. We refuse to give up on anybody and believe that every person can have a bright future. We provide outreach, support and opportunity to help people out of poverty. We have a track record of seeing our visitors move away from life controlling unemployment, homelessness, mental illness, disability, marriage breakdowns, addictions, and therefore breaking the poverty-cycle and reliance on the benefits system. Over the past year many of our visitors moved out of hopelessness and into hope. We have also seen many of our guests move into accommodation and employment following our support.

Over this past year we have seen an increase in opportunities to share our faith and pray with guests. We have seen several guests so grateful of the help they have had come back to offer their services. Recently one of the staff members had the opportunity of leading one guest into a relationship with Jesus.

Overview of our services at The Source in the past year

- Pit Stop – a take away lunch and hot meal throughout the pandemic and refreshments for those people who are homeless or in need, running 5 days a week
- GP checks (eg flu jabs)
- Facilitating our guests being offered and given Covid Vaccine
- Barking Business Chaplaincy – a ministry to provide support to managers and employees of local shops
- Referral centre to services and organisations
- Provide vouchers to the local Food Banks
- Information centre for events and local services
- Providing a mail box for those without permanent accommodation
- Completing forms for those whose primary language is not English, or who struggle with literacy
- Providing telephone advocacy
- Telephone Help Lines – Rediscover (bereavement & grief), Reconnect (65+ and loneliness/isolation) & Reset (Mental ill health, depression & anxiety)
- Providing a listening ear over free refreshments
- Giving prayer support
- Office to Barking Churches Unite
- Distributing free food to the guests to take away
- Clothes bank to guests
- Emergency food parcels
- Community food club
- A satellite venue for CGL Drugs Alcohol Services

In 2021 we were able to once again open the shop unit up in Vicarage Fields. We offer

- Community groups including arts and crafts, sewing, computer café, Job club

- Well-being groups for those overcoming bereavement, mental illness, and loneliness

Future ministries at the Source

- Community choir
- Workshops to support mental health

Many of the guests visiting The Source have mental health conditions including depression, anxiety, post traumatic stress disorder or personality disorders; others have learning disabilities such as autism or ADHD. Many suffer physical health issues particularly mobility difficulties or visual impairment, deafness, cancer, amputated limbs, brain tumor, heart conditions, epilepsy, HIV, diabetes; and many are unemployed, homeless, refugees and elderly.

We believe that every visitor deserves the chance to see their dreams realized, and that it is not enough to provide a hot meal as important as that is, but to get people out of poverty, feeling empowered in their circumstances and off the streets for good, we need to offer something that's relevant and sustainable.

To this end, we believe the solution is a service that supports those in poverty or in need and to restore broken lives and bring hope to the helpless, employment to the unemployed, homes to the homeless. We aim to provide a service that will provide activities to help those in desperate need and assistance to develop the activities, skills and resources for guests to realize their aspirations and become active and integrated members of their local community.

In other words; each of our services lead to guests being offered the opportunity to change their lives, attend courses, receive a free meal, find help to fill in forms, learning English, support into paid employment, - and that is what will change lives and get those in poverty back into employment, accommodation, and self belief and off the streets for good.

Over the past five years we have been working with those in poverty and need in Barking & Dagenham and in the centre of Barking. We are in an exceptional position to assist those who are in poverty and deprivation and we have a track record of seeing our visitors move away from life controlling addictions/offending and into lives they are able to control and feel proud of. We believe there is no such thing as a hopeless case, and that all deserve the chance to turn their lives around and come off the streets for good. What we have to offer is unique, carries excellent success rates, and is meeting a critical need in Barking.

In the past 12 months we have developed much closer links and regular contacts with the Council and other agencies, in order to work together for the positive outcomes of the guests.

5 Outcomes

BCU supported church leaders in coming together to over pandemic restriction, which disabled them from physically praying together. As BCU were well-established pre-pandemic this brought relief to church leaders in their transition to the on-line world from the physical, s they could share from experience and learn from each other. BCU provided a healthy and vital linking of local churches to ensure compliance of legal restrictions. BCU has had 3 united prayer meetings on Zoom and 3 street praying sessions on Zoom and on the streets this past year. The BIN has met around 4 times. There have been monthly leader's fellowship meetings a year on Zoom.

The Source keeps a visit register from which we measure our success in how many people we were able to feed, refer on to other support agencies and move on into other sustainable options. We currently refer people for Food Bank, debt advice, council departments, as well as providing free daily lunchtime meals and other activities. Success is just about being there and knowing that we have restored hope to many lives, and enabled them to find a way out of the situation they are in.

For our **guests**, success in soft outcomes is measured by their personal development, restoring self-esteem and self-belief and basic skills and the hard outcomes are measured through attendance, those gaining employment and accommodation. Our **monitoring** is supported through a wide range of different measures which include; activity registers, face-to-face repeat conversations and meetings.

Visitors to The Source include those of different nationality and ethnic origin, low incomes, unemployed, homeless, mental health issues, elderly, disabled, single parents, bereaved and those with complex issues. From The Source they receive emotional and practical support and have a location in the marketplace that is sympathetic to those in need and works to resolve their issues. Referrals to agencies are made and people receive support that others are unable to provide.

The Source is often seen as a place of refuge and sanctuary providing hope to the hopeless, demonstrating God's love and compassion. Within the community The Source is seen as a first stop and last resort and people in need are referred to The Source by the Police, Social Services, Housing Office, Citizens Advice Bureau, Teen Challenge to name a few.

The Source is connected to a number of food agencies providing free food. These include Costco, KFC, Greggs, Lidl, Aldi, Asda, Tesco and Fareshare. We have an excellent relationship with Vicarage Field Shopping Centre and as a result of this relationship and support for the services we provide, Vicarage Field have waived the rent to the shop. Barking & Dagenham Council have also waived the Business Council Tax, in recognition of the free services we offer on behalf of Barking and Dagenham residents.

In the past The Source has hosted at Easter and Christmas an outside prayer station for visitors to the shopping centre to write their prayer requests and receive prayer. Also, at Easter we have an Easter service for people to attend. It has not been possible to do these two activities due to Covid19.

The below table and graph indicates the number of visitors attending The Source and how God is amazingly using The Source to reach people in Barking. You will note that visits have increased at The Source to receive free services. It is expected that this trend will continue to increase even more due to Covid19. The Source will continue to provide love, care and compassion to a really needy ethnically and culturally diverse area of London.

Year	Date	Pit Stop	Food Bk Voucher	Post	Other	Food Parcels	Total Visits
2020	January	1,575	38	95	101	NA	1,749
	February	1,723	43	93	80	NA	1,939
	March	1,181	7	92	21	NA	1,301
	April	518	5	90	223	NA	836
	May	767	10	90	187	59	1,113
	June	852	10	87	96	57	1,102
	July	1,323	27	85	114	57	1,606
	August	1,084	11	85	80	33	1,293
	September	1,037	12	84	50	31	1,214
	October	1,448	12	84	83	50	1,677
	November	1,564	0	86	37	29	1,716
	December	1,651	30	86	30+59FC	40	1,896
Total		14,723	205	1,057	1,161	356	17,502

Year	Date	Pit Stop	Food Bk Voucher	Food Club	Food Parcels	Post	Well-Being Groups	Other	Total Visits
2021	January	1,793	14	104	37	103	NA	20	2,071
	February	1,868	0	96	24	103	NA	22	2,113
	March	2,100	0	118	16	98	NA	27	2,359
	April	1,722	0	76	25	109	NA	15	1,947
	May	1,501	0	84	11	109	NA	24	1,729
	June	2,028	3	99	13	109	22	26	2,300
	July	1,832	1	91	12	120	23	15	2,094
	August	1,922	6	124	10	66	18	24	2,170
	September	1,895	9	79	11	70	13	37	2,114
	October								
	November								
	December								
Total		16,661	33	871	159	887	76	210	18,897

Impact

Over the past year the Source has seen people overcome extreme adversity and circumstance to go onto achieve incredible personal success. We refuse to give up on anybody and believe that every visitor / rough sleeper can have a bright future. We have seen guests become champions of the community. We believe in building people into a community where they feel safe and are resourced to contribute. We believe that we all have a role to play and that together we can end homelessness - The impact of our services is lives changed; more people who are without hope to regain their hope, lives that are broken to be restored, more homeless people off the streets, and into employment, which in turn ends the cycle of poverty and homelessness and has a positive effect on the community!

6 Future Thoughts

Forthcoming plans affecting BCU

- The borough of Barking & Dagenham is facing over £65 million of cuts (before Covid19) in the next four years and looking to offload many of its services to the voluntary sector. The leader of the council has publicly stated that homelessness is one of its biggest concerns and acknowledged the significant contribution already made by BCU in addressing it.
- Discussions are underway to explore by the council the data for homelessness and rough sleepers
- To work with the Council and support our community through the Covid19 pandemic
- Vicarage Field Shopping Centre is due to close between 2024-25; to be demolished and rebuilt similar to the design of Westfield, Stratford. We have a 3 year tenancy.
- John Smith House has been relocated to the Barking Learning Centre
- Working with Dagenham churches
- Developing Micah Supported Living
- The Turning

BCU proposed developments and activities

- Further the Kingdom of God in Barking
- Commission a Key Worker post to support guests into accommodation, employment and benefits
- Maintain and extend the ministry of the Source
- Develop the warehouse project in the increase in collection and delivery of furniture & white goods to those in poverty
- Establish and develop the Micah Supported Housing Project
- To continue to establish and develop community groups
- Install and develop Restore My Town software in locations around the borough
- Collect information on activities across Barking and Dagenham to direct residents into these ministries
- Continue and extend the prayer strategy adopted
- Engage more closely with the Council
- Engage and partner with local businesses
- Work more closely to increase church unity & adoption of churches in BCU
- Support Dagenham Christian Together in developing a Source at Dagenham Library

7 How can YOU support Barking Churches Unite?

1 Praying

- Attending the united prayer & street praying events
- Using the Prayer Diary daily at home
- Praying for the Source and community ministries
- Praying for church unity and each church
- Joining the BIN (Barking Intercessors Network)
- Joining different BCU prayer networks
- Encouraging your Church to pray for BCU and support its ministries
- Church leaders to join Leaders Network

2 Volunteering

- Helping at the Source for a 3-4 hour session a week
- Picking up food from Costco or Greggs or KFC or Lidl or Aldi
- Attending the Christmas Tree and Easter Garden witnesses (after Covid19)
- Attending the BCU at events
- Supporting the Micah Supported Housing Project and The Source Warehouse
- Website support
- Contact The Source or any of the trustees
- Joining the BCU WhatsApp Information group
- Offering your talent to create or contribute to a community well-being group

3 Join

- Join the Well-Being groups at The Source, Vicarage Field Shopping Centre
- Join us in united prayer & street praying
- Joining the BCU WhatsApp Information group

4 Donating

Supporting the Source by

- £15** provides additional refreshments for a week
- £20** Provides tea, coffee and milk for a week
- £50** Provides heating costs for a month
- £100** Provides a part-time worker costs for a week

- Non-Perishable food
- Toiletries
- Individual donations to sustain the work on a regular basis
- Church collections (ie Harvest festival, Christmas donation)
- Organising fund raising events
- Ask your employers to sponsor BCU
- Clothes
- Furniture & White Goods

8 Prayer Requests

- 1 For God to pour out His Holy Spirit on staff, guests and volunteers of those involved at the Source
- 2 For guidance and wisdom for the trustees in the leading of BCU
- 3 Volunteers to support the Source, Micah Supported Living & The Source Warehouse
- 4 Christians to join the well-being groups
- 5 Safety of the team and guests.
- 6 For God's love, compassion and presence to be evident in all that BCU does
- 7 To use the activities of BCU to bring people to salvation and a deeper walk with God
- 8 For greater unity amongst the church in praying and working together
- 9 For greater links between agencies and the Council
- 10 For more support from the churches and individual Christians in Barking
- 11 For our broken community of Barking & Dagenham

9 Financial Report

BCU Accounts Summary Jan 2017 to Dec 2020 and Budget for Jan 2021 – Dec 2021

Expenditure	Actual Jan - Dec 2017	Actual Jan - Dec 2018	Actual Jan - Dec 2019	Actual Jan - Dec 2020	Estimate Jan - Dec 2021
Service Providers	15,869	27,081	31,143	47,410	70,147
Key Worker	0	0	1,620	0	0
Telephone	856	770	780	1,054	1,620
Heating & Light	1,160	1,891	1,860	656	520
Catering & Hospitality	979	2,347	2,409	3,851	3,188
Cleaning	162	1,278	1,021	0	539
Repairs and Maintenance	824	894	2,504	1,476	2,113
Insurance	401	508	500	522	850
Legal			100	100	163
Computer Expenses	860	206	98	1,336	1,500
Peaced Together	358	28	0	0	0
H4BD & Turning Donations	300	300	446	300	300
Misc –Postage, Travel, Training, Printing & Stationery	56	298	370	288	72
Gift Cards & Rewards			400	2,618	105
Mental Health				240	834
Clothing & Toiletries				217	1,798
Micah Supported Living					11,009
Warehouse					1,173
Total Expenditure	21,825	35,601	43,250	60,070	95,930
Income					
Peaced Together	360	150	0	0	0
Gift Aid	0	0	0	0	0
Grants	8,300	18,600	22,049	97,067	73,075
Donations – Personal	7,588	14,492	17,120	14,111	12,017
Donations – Church	2,535	4,813	5,282	6,457	5,126
Donations – Business			183		
Other - MSL + Telephone			40	400	400
Total Income	18,783	38,056	44,674	118,036	90,668

Expenditure over Income	-3,043	2,454	1,424	57,966	-5,262
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Independent Examiner

BCU appointed Leila Satar as the Independent Examiner (IE) of BCU accounts from 2019. She is a great supporter of the work of Barking Churches Unite, particularly we are grateful to her for all her work reviewing the accounts resulting in a successful 2020 IE report.

In 2020, Grants were gratefully received from

Grant Body	Award Name	Amount
AllChurches Trust Ltd (EIG)		£2,500
ASDA Tokens		£500
Barking & Dagenham Council	Christmas Cheer	£2,000
Barking & Dagenham Council	RSI (Rough Sleepers Initiative)	£30,000
Barking & Dagenham Council	The Source Winter Project	£12,307
BD Renew	Rapid Response Fund	£5,000
Bridge House Estates, City of London Corp, City Bridge Trust	London Community Response Fund - Wave 1	£4,000
Bridge House Estates, City of London Corp, City Bridge Trust	London Community Response Fund - Wave 2	£11,500
CRISIS	In This Together Award	£5,000
Local Government COVID19 Grant	Business Rates Relief Covid19 Assistance	£10,000
Homeless Heroes	monthly standing order for £140 to The Source, Barking Sep-Dec 2020	£560
Homeless Heroes		£800
Leathersellers Company Charitable Fund		£1,000
NCIL	Community Panel Funding	£10,000
Neighbourly.com	COVID-19 Community Fund	£400
Samaritans Purse		£1,000
Tesco Bags of Help COVID 19 Community Fund	Groundwork UK	£500
		£97,067

We are extremely grateful to all the grant making bodies above for their favour towards Barking Churches Unite, its guests, Service Providers, Volunteers, the community of Barking and its environs and recognise God's hand in keeping us abundantly ready for more work in this area.

10 Donation Form & Gift Aid Form



Barking Churches Unite

The SOURCE. 37A, Vicarage Field Shopping Centre. Barking, Essex, IG118DH

Telephone: 020 8594 2404

Email: thesourcebcu@gmail.com

Charity No: 1173315

STANDING ORDER MANDATE FORM

Please return this form to your Bank and inform BCU / SOURCE of your decision

Please debit the account of:

Name:		
Bank:		
Branch:		
Full address:		
Account Name:		
Account Number:		Sort code:

Please credit the account of:

Bank:	Barclays Bank	
Branch:	Ripple Road, Barking, Essex	
Account Name:	Barking Churches Unite	
Account Number:	43152324	Sort code: 207289

The Sum of	£	
	Amount in words	
Commencing date	From	
	To	
Last Payment	£	
	Amount in words	
Frequency	Weekly	
	Monthly	

Signature:	Date:
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11 Procedures for Questions

If after reading the report, you have any questions, please complete the slip below & email them back to the Source with AGM in the subject box by 7th November (mednickfamily2@gmail.com) This will give time for a reply. You can provide a general comment if you wish. Questions not submitted before the meeting will be answered after the Annual General Meeting by email.

RESPONSE SLIP

Name _____ Church _____

Question

Barking Churches Unite
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

Barking Churches Unite

Balance Sheet as at 31st Dec 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Current Assets		
Cash in Hand and at Bank	72,699	16,342
Total Assets	72,699	16,342
Liabilities		
Due within one year		
Creditors	450	2,059
Total Liabilities	450	2,059
Net Assets (Assets less Liabilities)	72,249	14,283
Capital and Reserves	£	£
Reserves brought forward	14,283	12,859
Surplus/(Deficit)	57,966	1,424
Total Equity	72,249	14,283

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The above accounts were approved by Barking Churches Unite Board on 28/10/2021

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JA Ibrahim

29/10/21

Michael Mednick
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M. Mednick

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Barking Churches Unite

Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 31st December 2020

	<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Income</u>		118,036		44,674
<u>Less: Expenses</u>				
Administrators	47,410		32,763	
Light and Heat	656		1,860	
Catering & Hospitality	3,851		2,409	
Cleaning	-		1,021	
Telephone	1,054		780	
Repairs and Maintenance	1,476		2,504	
Computer Expenses	1,336		98	
Insurance	522		500	
Legal and Professional	100		100	
Postage, Printing, Stationery, Training, Travel	288		370	Printing & St
Gift Cards & Rewards	2,618		400	Travel & Gift
Donations Night Shelter	300		446	
Mental Health	240		-	
Clothing & Toiletries	217			
		(60,070)		(43,250)
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Respective responsibilities of the Board of Barking Churches Unite and the Examiner

As members of Barking Churches Unite, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.43 (2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.43(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by BCU and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, I do not express on the view given by the accounts.


Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with s.41 of the Act; and to prepare financial statements in accordance with accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulations have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

L Satar, FCCA



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