



Annual General Meeting Report 2022

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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. A year concerning the aftermath of Covid, the Ukraine war, energy & fuel crisis, mortgage and food increases. However, 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 seen a big increases in guest numbers and the establishment and development of The Source Warehouse.

At the Barking Learning Centre we have continued to be responsible for the Barking's Food Club (supporting around 110 families a week) and Pit Stop which supports, on average 90-114 guests each day. In November we hope to bring back sit down meals we are calling Pit Stop Diner and a recreation time called Pit Stop Lounge. 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 has extended its team engaging Lead contractors for Pit Stop, Barking Food Club, The Source shop & The Source Warehouse. We also have two Support Assistants, one for the Warehouse and the other for BLC; a Wellbeing Worker for the BLC / Shop and a Finance Assistant.

It has also been a year with the return of the Turning Mission across Barking & Dagenham, where people became Christians and received prayers of blessings. United Prayer gatherings have continued alongside street praying, intercessory prayer and leaders prayer meetings.

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. It became a charity in May and now has established a Dagenham Food Club & Wellbeing Centre at the Dagenham Library called The Church Elm Hub. I have the privilege to be chair 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 & 2021 AGM remarks in that I believe that God is saying 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 and current crisis 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. We will need to embrace the love of the 95% of the people outside our 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 by introducing 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)
Warehouse	Bill Dear (St Erkenwald Church)
Grants/Food	Anne Dear (St Erkenwald Church)
Outreach	Michael Taylor (St Erkenwald 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.

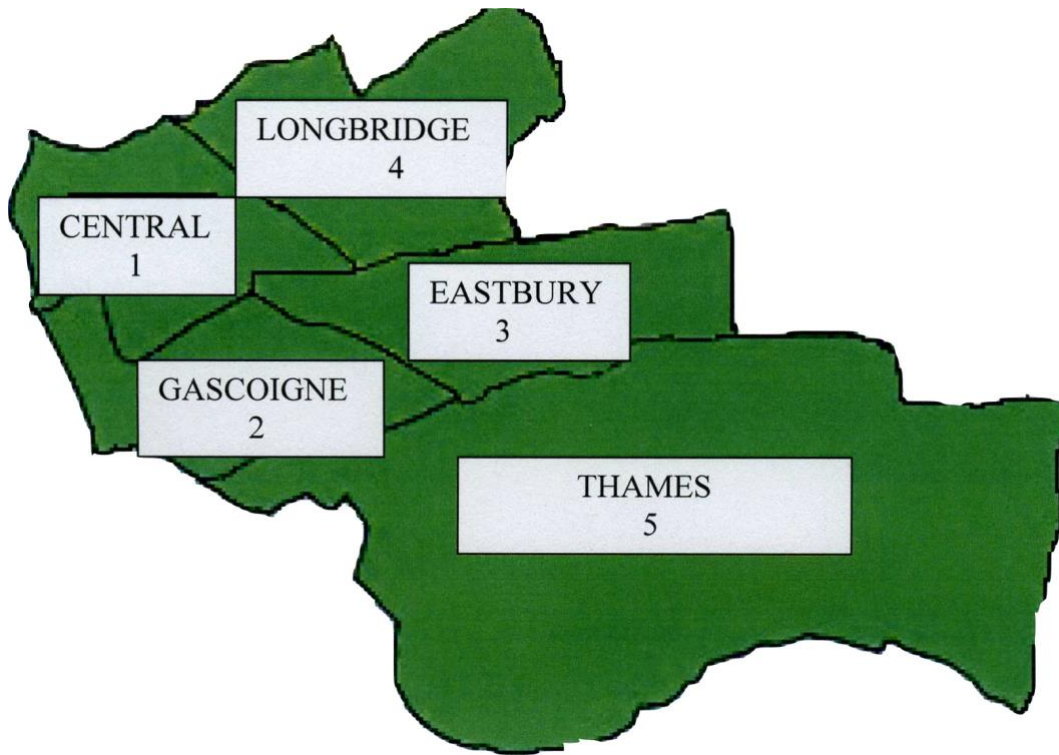
We see a church that will stand together in prayer to see social and spiritual transformation in our community. We see a church that will pray for one another and support one another practically as the need arises and resources allow. We see a church that will rejoice in what one another is doing and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

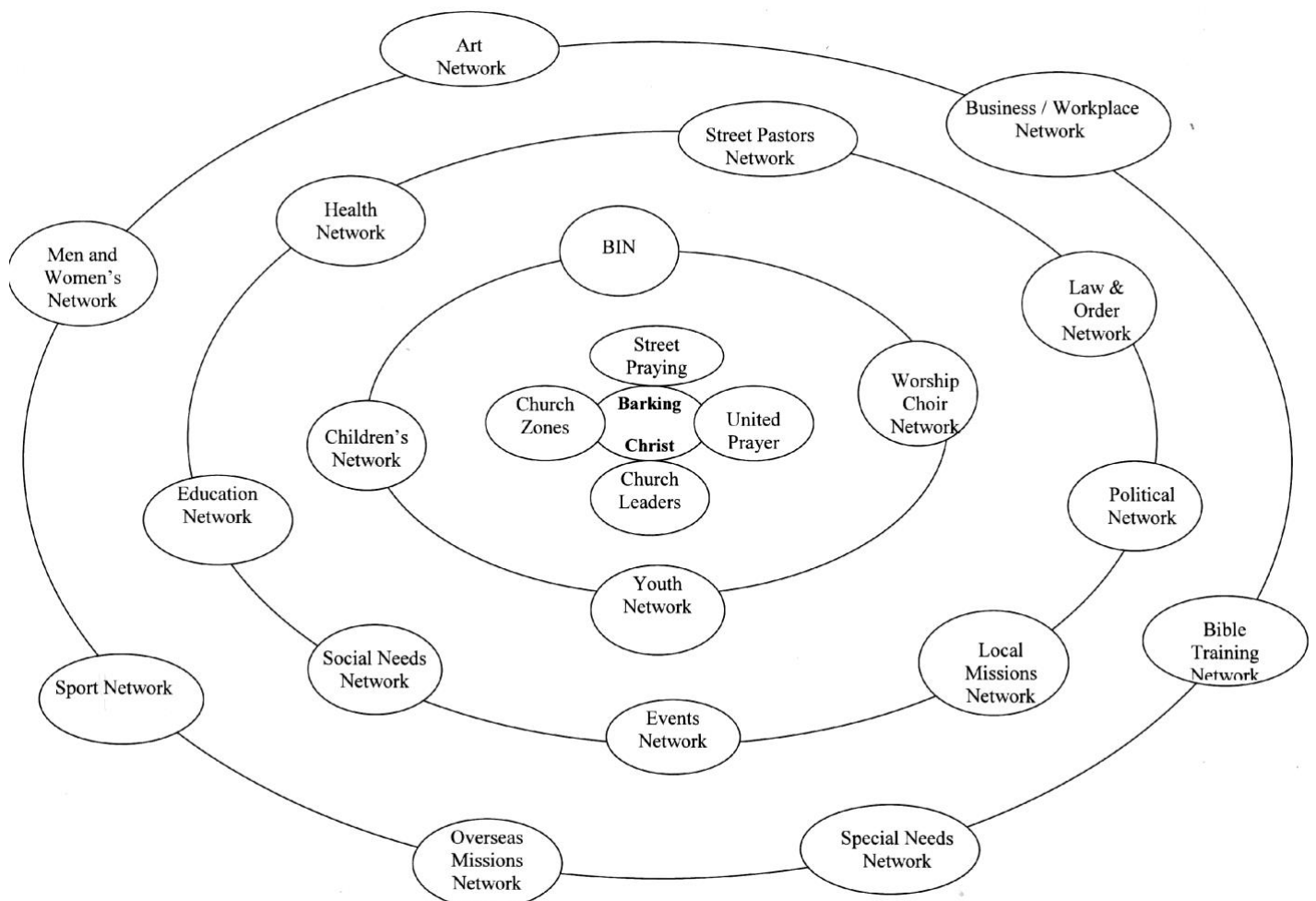
Strategy

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 (Barking Learning Centre, Vicarage Field Shopping Centre & Riverside Industrial Estate) has been set up in Barking to support those in poverty, who are 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 and other issues the Night Shelter has not been 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 Post-Covid19 pandemic and the energy, fuel and food crisis. 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)
- a warehouse in Riverside Industrial Estate, 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 a Wellbeing Centre for community projects and key working activities and the Barking Learning Centre is responsible for food related projects. 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 are responsible for the Barking Community Food Club, which is the largest Food Club in the Borough at the BLC.

The Warehouse is now fulfilling a mighty ministry, providing free furniture and white goods being delivered free of charge to those who are in need. We purchased a nearly new van from donations and grants, a real gift of God.

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 have purchased 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.

It has also been a year where two trustees have retired (Eddie Anning & Carlton Smith) and Sandy Tomlinson has joined us. We thank Eddie & Carlton for their support & time with us.

We have also continued our prayer strategy of prayer gatherings through Zoom, prayer intercession (BIN) and street praying. These groups now include a Mahabba group. The Food Club, Pit Stop and Source Warehouse actively offer prayer and as a result have been instrumental in connecting people they have met to a local church. 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 now located in three places. A shop unit in Vicarage Field Shopping Centre (VFSC) is now a Wellbeing Centre, the Barking Learning Centre (BLC) is the location of Pit Stop & The Food Club and the Warehouse is located in Thames Road. It is a ministry which is part of Barking Churches Unite (BCU) that works across the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham to supports hundreds of people out of hopelessness, homelessness, disadvantage and isolation. The Source was managed by the late Amanda Grace and now is line-managed by trustees, Mick Mednick (BLC & VFSC) and Bill Dear (Warehouse). All staff are contracted. Kay Thompson is our Lead Contractor for the shop unit / Wellbeing Centre; Gerhard Marais is Pitstop Project Lead Contractor; Rebecca Hutchon is Project Lead Contractor for The Source Barking Food Club; and Steven Fletcher is the Lead Contractor for the Source Warehouse. Shally Mol Jose is our finance Assistant contractor; Joshua Twine joins our team as a Warehouse Support Assistant contractor; Elyse Ali is a Support Assistant contractor at The BLC; and Lorraine Allen as a Wellbeing Support Assistant contractor. A Pit Stop Support Assistant contractor and a Chief Executive Officer is required as soon as we have the funding.

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

BLC

- 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
- Food Club
- GP checks (eg flu jabs)
- Facilitating our guests being offered and given Covid Vaccine
- Referral centre to services and organisations
- Giving prayer support
- Clothes bank to guests
- Emergency food parcels

Wellbeing Centre (Vicarage Field Shopping Centre)

- Community groups including arts and crafts, sewing, computer café, Job club
- Well-being support for those overcoming bereavement, mental illness, and loneliness
- 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
- A satellite venue for CGL Drugs Alcohol Services
- Chair Zumba

Warehouse (Riverside Industrial Park, 27, Thames Road)

- Providing free furniture, white goods, cutlery, crockery
- Collecting furniture, white goods, cutlery, crockery free of charge
- Providing a listening ear
- Food collection & delivery

Future ministries at the Source

- Youth Café on a Saturday at the Wellbeing Centre
- A warm space at the Wellbeing Centre
- Pit Stop Lounge & Pit Stop Diner at the BLC (sit down provision)
- Development of Restore My Town and warehouse

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. 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 provided a healthy and vital linking of local churches to ensure compliance of legal restrictions. BCU has had united prayer meetings on Zoom and in churches, street praying sessions this past year. The BIN has met around 6 times on Zoom. There have been regular leader's fellowship meetings 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, Neighbourly and Felix (Fareshare). We have excellent relationships with Vicarage Field Shopping Centre and the BLC and as a result of the work we provide, we receive free rent and business rates.

Year	Date	Pit Stop	Food Bk Voucher	Post	Other	Food Parcels	Total Visits
2020	January	1,575	38	95	101	NA	1,809
	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	1,860
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	Ware-House	Total Visits
2021	January	1,793	14	(104)496	37	103	NA	20	NA	2,463
	February	1,868	0	(96)384	24	103	NA	22	NA	2,401
	March	2,100	0	(118)472	16	98	NA	27	NA	2,713
	April	1,722	0	(76)304	25	109	NA	15	NA	2,175
	May	1,501	0	(84)336	11	109	NA	24	NA	1,981
	June	2,028	3	(99)396	13	109	22	26	NA	2,597
	July	1,832	1	(91)364	12	120	23	15	NA	2,367
	August	1,922	6	(124)496	10	66	18	24	NA	2,542
	September	1,895	9	(79)316	11	70	13	37	NA	2,351
	October	1,979	2	(113)452	8	70	15	27	NA	2,553
	November	1,830	4	(114)456	20	80	23	48	11	2,472
	December	1,792	4	(148)592	25	80	16	16	3	2,530
Total		22,268	43	(1,256)5,024	212	1,128	130	302	14	30,351

The tables shows that our visits have increased and the total number of 2021 visits has been surpassed within the first 9 months of 2022. The forecast is to reach around 42,000 visits by the end of the year. The table 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..

Council have also waived the Business Council Tax, in recognition of the free services we offer on behalf of Barking and Dagenham residents.

Year	Date	Pit Stop	Food Bk Voucher	Food Club	Food Parcels	Post	Well-Being Groups	Enquiries/ Keyworking	Ware-House	Total Visits
2022	January	1,802	6	(107)428	12	80	24(40)	23	6	2,421
	February	2,036	3	(166)664	20	80	29(40)	33	8	2,913
	March	1,850	9	(303)1,212	25	80	22(40)	48	29	3,315
	April	1,805	7	(208)833	12	80	28(40)	29	27	2,861
	May	1,997	7	(270)1,080	18	80	23(40)	52	51	3,348
	June	1,990	5	(360)1,440	20	89	36(40)	45	51	3,716
	July	2,169	8	(400)1,600	21	89	22(40)	51	65	4,065
	August	2,248	2	(389)1,556	0	139	28(40)	42	58	4,113
	September	1,985	4	(354)1,416	0	139	25(40)	43	116	3,768
Total		17,882	51	(2,557)10,229	128	856	(360)597	366	411	30,520

The Source hosted at Easter and Christmas an outside prayer station for visitors to the shopping centre to write their prayer requests and receive prayer. Also, we had a carol service in Vicarage Field Shopping Centre.

Impact

Over the past year the Source has seen people overcome extreme adversity and circumstance to go on to 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 energy and food crisis.
- 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.
- The BLC have offered BCU additional space in the event of the the closure of Vicarage Field Shopping Centre.
- Working with Dagenham Christians Together
- The Turning

BCU proposed developments and activities

- Further the Kingdom of God in Barking
- Maintain and extend the ministry of the Source shop unit
- Develop the warehouse project in the increase in collection and delivery of furniture & white goods to those in poverty
- Work with other places to help them model the BCU model
- Develop Restore My Town software in locations around the borough
- 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
- Develop discipleship spaces at BLC locations
- Support Dagenham Christian Together in developing The Church Elm Hub 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
- More workers and volunteers
- Funding

2 Volunteering

- Helping at the Source for a 3-4 hour session a week
- Picking up food from retail shops / supermarkets
- Attending the Christmas Tree and Easter Garden witnesses (after Covid19)
- Attending the BCU at events
- 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 & 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 2021 and Budget for Jan 2022 – Dec 2022

Expenditure	Actual Jan - Dec 2017	Actual Jan - Dec 2018	Actual Jan - Dec 2019	Actual Jan - Dec 2020	Actual Jan - Dec 2021	Estimate Jan - Dec 2022
Service Providers	15,869	27,081	31,143	47,410	62,478	79,221
Key Worker	0	0	1,620	0	0	0
School Uniforms	0	0	0	0	0	1,551
Telephone	856	770	780	1,054	974	734
Heating & Light	1,160	1,891	1,860	656	520	968
Catering & Hospitality	979	2,347	2,409	3,851	3,717	8,358
Cleaning	162	1,278	1,021	0	N/A	N/A
Repairs and Maintenance	824	894	2,504	1,476	1,469	2,091
Insurance	401	508	500	522	704	953
Legal			100	100	100	125
ICT & Computer Expenses	860	206	98	1,336	350	974
Peaced Together	358	28	0	0	0	0
H4BD & Turning & DCT Donations	300	300	446	300	0	20,250
Misc –Postage, Travel, Training, Printing & Stationery	56	298	370	288	144	40
Gift Cards & Rewards			400	2,618	1,521	792
Mental Health				240	358	324
Clothing & Toiletries				217	2,378	3,247
Micah Supported Living					1,190	35
Warehouse					826	63,543
Total Expenditure	21,825	35,601	43,250	60,070	76,730	183,207
Income						
Peaced Together	360	150	0	0	0	0
Gift Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants	8,300	18,600	22,049	97,067	61,075	163,950
Donations – Personal	7,588	14,492	17,120	14,111	13,987	12,415
Donations – Church	2,535	4,813	5,282	6,457	6,966	4,935
Donations – Business			183			
Other - MSL + Telephone			40	400	7,260	7,196
Total Income	18,783	38,056	44,674	118,036	89,288	188,496

Expenditure over Income	-3,043	2,454	1,424	57,966	12,557	5,290
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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 2021 IE report.

In 2021, Grants were gratefully received from

Grant Body	Award Name	Amount
Arnold Clark	Arnold Clark Community Fund	£1,000
Barking & Dagenham Council	4 Local Restrictions Support Grants	£10,754
Barking & Dagenham Council	Business Rates 1	£634
Barking & Dagenham Council	Business Rates 2	£1,334
Barking & Dagenham Council	Business Rates 3	£4,000
Barking & Dagenham Council	Business Rates 4	£2,001
Barking & Dagenham Council	Business Rates 5	£762
Barking & Dagenham Council	Christmas Cheer	£2,000
Barking & Dagenham Council	Connect	£6,000
Barking & Dagenham Council	Household Support Fund	£5,000
Barking & Dagenham Council	NCIL	£10,000
DWF Foundation	DWF Grant	£500
Garfield Weston Foundation	Garfield Weston Grant	£15,000
Homeless Heroes	Homeless Heroes Aid	£1,790
Outcome It S	Outcome It S Grant Van	£300
	Total	£61,075

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: michael.mednick@barkingchurchesunite.org

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:	CAF	
Account Name:	Barking Churches Unite	
Account Number:	00035231	Sort code: 40-52-40

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 5th November
(Michael.mednick@barkingchurchesunite.org) 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 2021

Barking Churches Unite

Balance Sheet as at 31st Dec 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Current Assets		
Cash in Hand and at Bank	84,990	72,699
Total Assets	84,990	72,699
Liabilities		
Due within one year		
Creditors	183	450
Total Liabilities	183	450
Net Assets (Assets less Liabilities)	84,807	72,249
Capital and Reserves	£	£
Reserves brought forward	72,249	14,283
Surplus/(Deficit)	12,557	57,966
Total Equity	84,807	72,249

The comparable figures for 2020 are for information only and do not form part of these accounts

The above accounts were approved by Barking Churches Unite Board on 30/10/2022

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Barking Churches Unite

Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 31st December 2021

	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Income</u>		89,288		118,036
<u>Less: Expenses</u>				
Service Providers	62,478		47,410	
Light and Heat	520		656	
Catering & Hospitality	3,717		3,851	
Micah Supported Living	1,190		-	
Telephone	974		1,054	
Repairs and Maintenance	1,469		1,476	
ICT	350		1,336	
Insurance	704		522	
Legal and Professional	100		100	
Postage, Printing, Stationery, Training, Travel	144		288	
Gift Cards & Rewards	1,521		2,618	
Donations DCT & Night Shelter	-		300	
Mental Health	358		240	
Warehouse	826		-	
Clothing, Shoes & Toiletries	2,378		217	
		(76,730)		(60,070)
Surplus/(Deficit)		<u>12,557</u>		<u>57,966</u>

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This report on the financial statements of Barking Churches Unite (BCU) for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 1 and 2, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

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.

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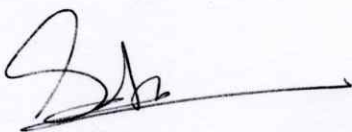
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Independent examiner's statement

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

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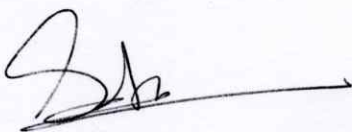
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