

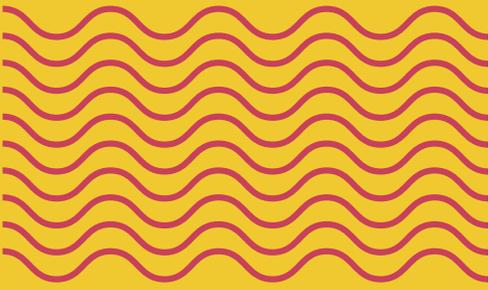


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Legacy Giving  
The Year of Establishing





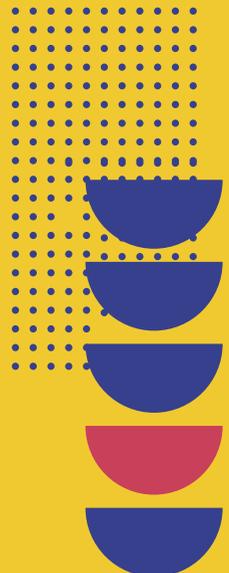
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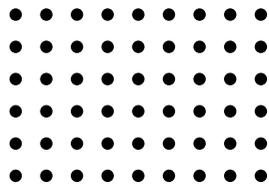
Two years ago we (the Church Leadership), with the full cooperation of the church, launched a three year vision. This was for £100,000 per year to be given each year above our regular tithe.

## We are now in the third year!

In 2019 it was amazing to see such incredible generosity and sacrificial giving arise from the church that saw just over £65,000 given. It's important you note how this money was distributed to the various ministries. See the Giving and Spending page for more information. Even though we did not reach the target of £100,000 we were able to do much!

I want to place on record my sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who gave. Your giving has allowed us and continues to allow us to serve, go and give both locally and internationally. The impact of this 2020 offering continues to spread as we plant churches and support and strengthen our worldwide partnerships. It's almost impossible to record how many people we reach and serve now from Arena Church but it's multiple thousands each week.





## Create Margin...

When I was at school before tablets, computers and iPads, we used to have note paper with margins on the left hand side. I used to love the margins because it allowed me to put in an additional sentence or put more on the page than I could have done otherwise.

When we talk about margin in the context of giving within Arena Church, we are speaking of the additional giving that enables us to have more than we need which then enables us to do more than we are presently doing!

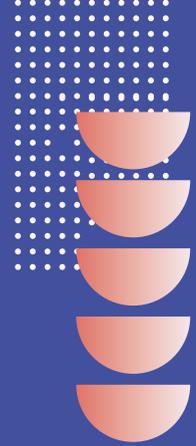
Without margin we just maintain our present position! And without this giving we would not be able to do as much as we have done (read the stories in the brochure).

The purpose and essence of the vision behind our 2020 Legacy offering is...

**To  
Do  
More**

To do **more** good, to reach **more** people, rescue **more** lives and families, to serve **more** groups, to plant **more** churches, to train **more** leaders, to send **more** missionaries and ultimately to see **God's** name become **more** famous and known in the world!





Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Matthew 6:19-20



## Live with an Eternal Perspective

Jesus said that we should store up treasure in heaven where moth and rust cannot destroy and he warns us of JUST storing up treasures here on earth! Why? It's because we cannot take our houses, money, cars, artwork or ISAs, shares, and bonds with us. But we can take souls! It's the legacy that we all should live and give for!

We need to make sure we take care of our financial future where possible, but at the same time of doing this, let's leverage our lives, gifts, talents and treasure for the benefit of souls. Haggai makes this point even clearer when he announces "If you will build God's house, he will build yours!" (Haggai 1)

## So what do we want to do in 2020?

This is a great question. All that we have in our heart to do is fuelled by a God given vision. You see people give to vision not need, and as we enter 2020 we do so with a God given vision in our heart and that is to **Establish**.

Establish the work of our hands for us, yes establish the work of our hands.  
Psalm 90:17

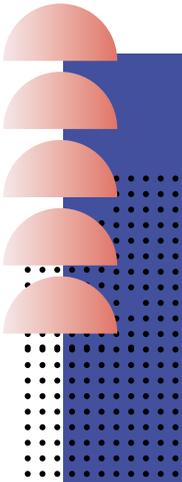


Never doubt God's mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for his miraculous power constantly energizes you.

Ephesians 3:20

The Passion Translation (TPT)





This word **establish** means to make strong, to found, to protect, to increase. We believe this is what God is wanting to do this year in 2020 which is a year of fulfilment. He's establishing what he's multiplying! This establishing will help us to dig deeper and lay a solid foundation that will enable us to build tall and expand wider in the years ahead!

We are called to keep establishing, continuously in the present tense - to never remain or get comfortable.

The Senior Leadership Team in the autumn of 2019 were praying over this word and I had a video call organised with a Pastor friend of mine from the USA. He knew nothing of our word for the year, nor of our discussion and prayer within the team and yet in the middle of our conversation he said "he felt the Lord say to him that this coming year in Arena was to be a year of 'establishing'. As the roots go down deep this will allow Arena to spread widely."

He then spent two minutes outlining what the Lord had given us a few weeks earlier. You can imagine my excitement at hearing this divine confirmation!

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# Establishing

This **establishing** means that we need to focus intentionally upon the following things:

## 1 Campus Development & Campus Planting

To fund each new campus for the coming year with staff, resources, equipment and money to love and serve the people and their localities. This includes the rents, running costs and general monthly costs for another year as we ESTABLISH these works to enable them to become strong!

We also want to continue to strengthen and expand the strong ministry bases of Ilkeston and Mansfield. This includes the continual improvements of equipment and a particular emphasis in reaching children, youth, and seniors.

**Total £60,000**

## 2 Community Transformation

To increase our practical community serving into all the locations - through food banks, housing, kids outreaches, clothing, meals, training and helps. Each campus has needs that are individual to their location and this money will give the team the resource needed to practically serve and make a difference.

**Total £30,000**



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## Worldwide Partnerships

To add to the monthly giving that already comes from Arena Church tithes towards our Worldwide Ministry Partnerships where we serve thousands of people in other countries and continents.

**Total £10,000**

**Grand Total £100,000**

**THE BIG ASK OF AN ADDITIONAL £100,000:**



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## Training & Development of New Leaders

**Arena Ministry School... to the ends of the earth!**

As well as the very important investment into the above three areas this year we also need to invest in the training, the development and the sending of new leaders through the building out of our ministry school base.

Our Arena Ministry School, already affectionately being called AMS, started January 2019 out of a desire to train, develop and send leaders. For us to lay a strong Bible foundation whilst giving the students practical tools that will enable them to better serve in whatever area they are being called to.

We were given the opportunity to acquire an old redundant engineering works 100 metres away from our Ilkeston campus - a real miracle! This was a step of faith by the leaders and in obedience we purchased the freehold site for £120,000 from general funds. We bought it knowing that we did not have the renovation money and that we would need approximately £100,000 to renovate and create a fantastic facility that trains leaders now and in the future.

We are now in our second year of training and we are believing that we will over the next decades train and send hundreds of leaders to make a difference in the world! Our influence is not restricted to the East Midlands but is to the ends of the earth! This bespoke facility will enable us to train and send for years to come! This is an exciting seedtime opportunity.





We at Arena Church have  
been asked to do **more...**  
**and we keep saying yes.**  
...but it's a privilege that  
**we** get to do this!



Please take a good look at the brochure. You will read of faith stories that will inspire you, and you will read of the projects started, churches planted, and lives being transformed through the previous year of giving!

On behalf of the leadership and pastors of Arena Church we thank you in anticipation for your willingness to say yes to God!

We love and appreciate you

Kristian and Caroline Thorpe  
Lead Pastor



**Increase is coming, so enlarge your tent and add extensions to your dwelling. Hold nothing back! Make the tent ropes longer and the pegs stronger.**



**You will increase and spread out in every direction. Your sons and daughters will conquer nations and revitalize desolate cities.**

**Isaiah 54: 2-3**



## Giving and Spending for 2019

In 2019 £65,000 had been pledged. The information below, however, shows the 2020 giving for the period October 2018 to September 2019:-

**Income £50,244**



### Expenses

Community Transformation	£5,594
Church Planting	£44,848
Ministry School	£1,397
World Ministries	£1,080

**Total Expenses £52,920**





There's no point in dreaming small.  
If you're going to dream...

# DREAM BIG

Pastor  
Kristian Thorpe



Growth Statistics  
for 2019 in Church

# Year of Multiplication

Weekend attendance  
increased by 43%

22 new people attending  
each week

284 Responses for  
salvation and 28 baptisms

Students, Youth and  
Children's Ministries  
reaching 150 and growing

Tithes and offerings  
increased by 16%

Plus £65,000 given or  
pledged to our 2020  
Legacy Fund

## From 2 Locations to 6 Locations

On Sept 29th 2019,  
we planted 4 new campuses:  
Belper  
Toulouse, France  
Nottingham  
Ilkeston Hub

Over 250 dream team members  
and growing

Over 170 people at our Seniors  
Events & launch of Seniors service.

Arena Ministry School Pioneered  
with 15 students

Alpha Groups pioneered

Bridging events pioneered with  
hundreds attending

52 people went through  
Growth Track

2200 people attended over the  
Christmas period

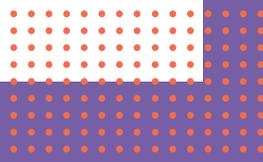
# Stories of Giving

I have been in this church for 45 years and Ann has been in it for 33 years. As you can imagine we have seen lots of changes, from new pastors to new church buildings and now to multiple campuses! Over 90 years ago the church started in rented rooms where faithful people sacrificially gave both time and money, supported with prayer - that was their legacy to us. In 1994 the church relocated to its present position, which was originally a single storey factory unit; again the church of the day sacrificially gave of their time and money, supported by prayer - that was their legacy to us. In 2003/4 we saw the same building extended outwards and upwards - that was their legacy to us. We have seen the church go from one location to two locations (Ilkeston and Mansfield) - that was their legacy to us. All of this took place through sacrificial giving of time and money undergirded with prayer by the church of that day. This year the church again has the opportunity via the 2020 Vision to leave a legacy through our time, our money, our prayers.

At the launch of the 2020 Vision in 2018, we prayerfully decided how much we would give over the course of the next three years and have remained faithful to our commitment. It has been truly amazing to see how the church has taken hold of the 2020 Vision financially and what it has enabled Arena Church to do locally, nationally and internationally. We feel privileged to be part of a church that has great vision and great leadership and we are excited about what God is going to do in the future through Arena Church.

2020 Vision is a legacy that we can all be a part of - for both the church of today and for the church of the future.

Neil & Ann Simpson



# Stories of Giving

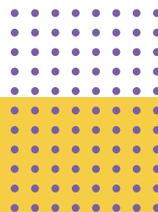
Giving has always been a part of my Christian life. I was raised in a family that gave regularly. For example every Christmas my dad used to give crops from his farm to the elderly, and the joy on their faces as I presented them with the basket was just lovely to behold. It was lovely to see how blessed they were from it. I always loved doing this and that is why I have always loved the scripture from 2 Corinthians 9:7:

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver.”

These early experiences made giving a part of my identity and there have been times when God has laid it on my heart to give such as giving gifts, money and time. I have seen a difference that giving has made to the lives of people that God has told me to bless.

When the 2020 vision was first mentioned, my family and I sought God’s guidance on how much he wanted us to give and we listened. I have noticed since giving God has rewarded us with more than we have given, which is a blessing. To conclude, giving for me means sharing our blessings and joy with others and it is how I choose to worship God.

Sandra Oakley-Goodall



# Stories of Giving

Whether you are single, married, have a family, or at the stage when the children have left home and you're both working, whether you've retired or are on benefits, we all have the same financial choices to make.

What shall I spend? How much can I save? What can I afford?

Des and I know our income and our outgoings, we also know our God and trust Him.

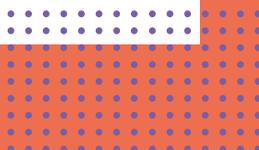
I say this honestly, not to boast, we tithe of our income faithfully and give more in all sorts of ways when we can.

When the 2020 vision was announced we both knew we needed to sow into the kingdom in order to leave a legacy for future generations, maybe even our own grandchildren.

The Word tells us to “seek first the Kingdom of God” and He will give us everything we need, and that’s exactly what we have found, as we have given even when times have been difficult or there have been choices to make God has always provided and we have always been blessed.

Give and see what our God will do.

Des & Sue Buckley

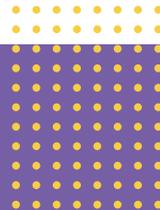


# Stories of Giving

God has ALWAYS come through for me and my family, especially surrounding our finances. There have been times when we've had no money and been stuck on the edge of our overdraft limit, thinking how are we going to pay the mortgage this month.

It was even more difficult when my husband left a high paying career and took the leap of faith in becoming self-employed. We struggled just to get enough food at times and we worried about keeping up with the bills, but God has never let us down, and we have never stopped giving, even in the hard times because we know God is for us. Ultimately, we want to live a gracious and generous life through Jesus and we can do this by contributing to the 2020 vision.

Emma Tompkins



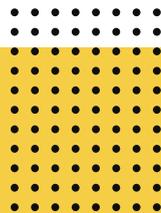
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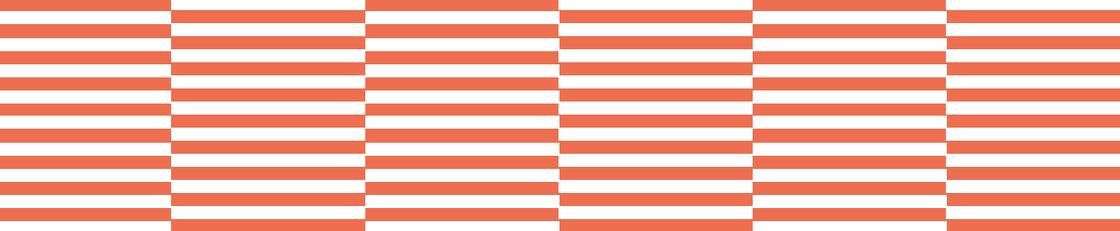
When 2020 was first announced Sarah and I agreed it was something we'd both like to do. What we probably didn't agree on was the amount - I'd say Sarah is a lot more generous than me.

I would also say giving to me is more of a sacrificial thing. It would have been very easy for me not to give, but reminding myself of the purpose of why we would be doing it makes sense.

Do I feel we have been blessed since giving? Maybe no more than we already were before we gave. I feel God blessed us before and that's what allowed us to give what we did.

Elliott & Sarah Gilbert





The world of the generous gets  
larger and larger;

the world of the stingy gets  
smaller and smaller.

## Proverbs 11:24

The Message (MSG)





# Arena Ilkeston Campus

Numbers of prophetic words have been spoken over Ilkeston in the past, particularly regarding its wider influence. We thank God those words are increasingly finding fulfilment.

In giving away to other campuses, Ilkeston remains strong, it's a ministry reaching across all ages.

The Arena Kids Team led by Louise Bussell continue to do an outstanding job. Jonathan and Annie Kirk are leading the Arena Students Youth Ministry, believing for some World Changers to emerge!

Christine Austin and team have taken the Seniors' Ministry forward with great events and Friday services. Alpha too has carried real momentum in this season. All this and the close relationship with community projects that has seen the Hub Church Plant begin.

Finally, our Sunday service continues to reflect a wide cross-section of people from all sorts of journeys and backgrounds.

Ever reflecting on the goodness of God fuels the forward advance of all yet to happen, and by His grace we will take hold of it.

Phil & Sharon Pye  
Campus Pastor









# Arena Mansfield Campus

Well, what a great year it has been in the life of our Mansfield Campus. We have seen God add to our number in an amazing way as we continue to love and serve Mansfield. Our work within the community has gone to a new level as we have seen the numbers at Care for a Coffee swell. One of the highlights of the year for me was our community service that we held at Christmas where we celebrated and honoured those within this community.

The new kitchen has allowed the team to provide warm food for those who may find a good meal hard to come by and has really helped us as we spearhead new ministries like Alpha. Because of the generosity of our people we were able to run bridging events like the Acoustic Cafe which attracted around 120 people and many of these came from the community. People were bowled over that we would run an event of such quality free of charge.

In this coming year we are believing that we are going to continue to see people far from God get to know him through the ministry of our campus. We plan to run more bridging events to create connections with those who are far from God. We plan to increase our community engagement through Care for a Coffee and initiatives that will flow from that and we will have an emphasis on resourcing and equipping our teams and small groups to grow and develop; we have no interest in building an event that people come to, we want to be a community that people belong to.

Last year was amazing, but there is one thing for sure, the best is yet to come.

Josh & Helen Turner  
Campus Pastors



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Campus Development & Campus Planting

# Arena Belper Campus

Since arriving in Belper, which is in a beautiful part of Derbyshire, we were blessed to be given a Church building in 2019. It was totally unexpected but reinforced the fact that God wanted Arena Church in Belper. With a team of willing helpers, much hard work and lots of paint, sweat, tears and laughter we set about work on the church and gardens over the summer to bring a tired building and gardens up to the standards of Arena Church.

How fantastic to have our first service in the church in September 2019, and in January 2020 we went to two Sunday services a month, whilst still meeting in the church every week for mid-week gatherings.

As the church had no space for children, and with the gardens having no access to get any structure delivered, in December 2019 we had a purpose built Kid's Cabin put up in the rear garden to enable us to work with young families with children. It was a fantastic experience to be able to have our first Christmas Party in the cabin.

We launched our first Alpha in January and are aiming to launch a work with families whose sons or daughters have a drug problem. This work is intended to provide access into the schools and GP surgeries of Belper and will enable us to engage with other local services in the area.

We are planning with excitement for the spring and summer and look forward to all that God will do.

Thank you to everyone who has sown into the 2020 fund. It is making a massive impact in bringing the good news to Belper and the surrounding villages.

David & Jeanette Blyth  
Campus Pastors







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# Campus Development & Campus Planting

## Arena Nottingham Campus

Wow! What a year 2019 was! A year of multiplication. A stretch - yes! A challenge - yes! All worth it - ABSOLUTELY! As we were given an opportunity to lease a church building in the heart of the city in the Hockley district...it was a real miracle.

Firstly, we'd just like to honour the team who turned up day in, day out over six weeks to paint, sand, clean and clear out the Nottingham building. We really did get the ship ready for sailing, and it is now sailing! Many many hours have been invested in this campus (and I use the word invest on purpose) by many of you, backed up only by the outstanding giving we as a church have provided. We've all played our part in some way, shape or form, so a big hats off to us all.

Our services are now running strong, with a consistent number of attendees. We've had the privilege of meeting multiple new people who now call Arena Church Nottingham their home. We've connected with businesses and locals, we've had many go on our Growth Track, we've been able to meet and give away gifts to hundreds of students and, most importantly, we've seen God move tremendously. What is more, we've had fun along the way!

2020 is going to be a great year - I believe that. Now we've multiplied into this campus, we're committed to establish ourselves in serving this wonderful city called Nottingham. We've got plans to disciple, to love, to serve, to give away, to pioneer, to feed, to clothe, and much much more, all of which your kind giving has been able to fuel.

I am reminded of this verse in 1 Corinthians 3:6 where Paul says "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow". I am claiming that over, not only the Nottingham campus, but over all campuses in Arena and beyond. That as we've been led by a visionary leader in Kristian who has planted seeds of vision in all of our hearts, we've united together and dug in to water that seed, I believe God will make it grow and grow into a ship called Arena that fishes for many thousands of lost people for many generations to come!

Luke 6:38 says: "Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."

Jonathan & Annie Kirk  
Campus Coordinators





## Arena Ilkeston Hub Campus

We have been serving, helping, and loving people in poverty, with dysfunction and addiction for over 10 years. Whilst we have been serving thousands over these years we are aware we should not just feed their stomachs, but also have a responsibility to feed their souls. This birthed the vision of the Hub campus at our Ilkeston Community Hub.

Since the launch of the Hub campus in 2019 we are pleased to say we have a congregation of approximately 40 people per week who attend on Monday at 11 o'clock in the morning.

We are excited to see what is happening here at the Hub each week. Responses to the salvation offered through Christ is a weekly occurrence for us. We are seeing growth through conversion which is our goal.

We had our first baptism in 2019 - this person is planted and flourishing. The free meal after the service gives us the opportunity to build relationships, as our Lead Pastor often says that people need to belong before they believe.

We had a great Christmas service seeing over 60 people attend, and gave out gifts that were gratefully received by members of our congregation that struggle with financial hardship at this time of the year.

We have many plans for the future but the main one would be to build a family large and diverse here at the Hub, that they are planted and flourishing in the courts of the Lord.

2020 has been a tremendous help with the Hub campus. We have been able to give out gifts throughout the year and at our Christmas services which had a great impact.

We are able to provide the meal after the service which the 2020 fund helped with to provide some of the ingredients.

The Hub campus is in keeping with all Arena sites in design which would not have been possible without the 2020 giving.

Lisa Harrison  
Campus Pastor







# Arena Toulouse Campus

It is such a privilege to express what God has done in Arena Toulouse through the year 2019. We are in the midst of a big adventure. God is walking before us and we are following his path.

## **From Flat to Venue**

In January 2019 we were still in our flat, welcoming some friends for our DAB (Dinner And Bible) evenings, every Thursday at 7:30pm. We used to have between 10 and 15 people which was quite good. We looked for a venue in September, but it was difficult because of price/location/room space. Finally, we found a venue in a coworking space in the centre of Toulouse that can contain 60 seats. We praise God for this building and the price.

## **From Unbelievers to Believers**

In January we still had many unbelievers. Friends that we met through our life in Toulouse were all interested in God but needed to have much discussion. When we found the venue some unbelievers came less often, and some believers started to join us. We saw a shift in the balance and now have more believers than unbelievers. We can preach the gospel freely and openly.

## **From Easter to Christmas**

Each year we attempt to bless our city with some actions in the community. At Easter we distributed chocolate boxes to people such as police officers, the town hall, the children's hospital, firemen, the rugby club and the football club. We received an acknowledgement from the mayor who thanked Arena Church for our presence and our actions towards the poor into the city.

On July 6th we organised a worship concert in a city centre night club in Toulouse with the Arena Worship Team. It was awesome to achieve a gathering of 200 people when we did not know anyone in this region of France when we first arrived. God was at work among all of us. The marketing manager of the concert room was astonished to see this kind of quality from a church. We were great ambassadors of Christ.

We finished our year on December 15th with our Christmas service, Carols by Candlelight. We praise God for all the events. We are praying for more this year.

## **Conclusion**

2020 has started with a salvation and the coming of a baptism service. God is on the way to impress us. The best is yet to come.

Patrick & Lucile Nana Gassa Gonga  
Campus Pastors



Growth Statistics  
for 2019 in Community

# Community Influence

5000 people per month reached through our Community buildings, charity shops and business

Supporting missionaries throughout the world

Impacting our communities through Serve Day

5286 meals served through our Ilkeston foodbank

2007 food parcels given away

6 supported living houses/flat serving up to 13 tenants

Operate 3 high street shops/cafe

Ilkeston homeless outreach and shower project completed

Hundreds impacted each month in Mansfield through Care for a Coffee

We aim to increase our practical community serving into all of our locations. We can do this by serving the local communities through food banks, shelter, kids outreaches, clothing, and more.

We have launched Care for a Coffee in Ilkeston and Mansfield as a place for people to come and meet, reducing the feelings of isolation and aloneness.

We want to reach all the cities and towns that Arena touches, helping them practically with the love of the church, truly making a difference in the lives of individuals.

To love and serve our world

May the favour of  
the Lord our God  
rest on us; establish  
the work of our  
hands for us - yes,  
establish the work  
of our hands.

Psalm 90:17  
New International Version

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## Worldwide Partnerships

Our giving touches thousands across the world. A great church leader from another era said ‘the world is my parish’.

Thanks to your generous giving Arena Church has been able to echo that cry by repurposing and establishing a global reach. Of course it starts on the doorstep of the church in our varying local communities, but every prevailing church always sees beyond that, understanding ‘God so loved the world’.

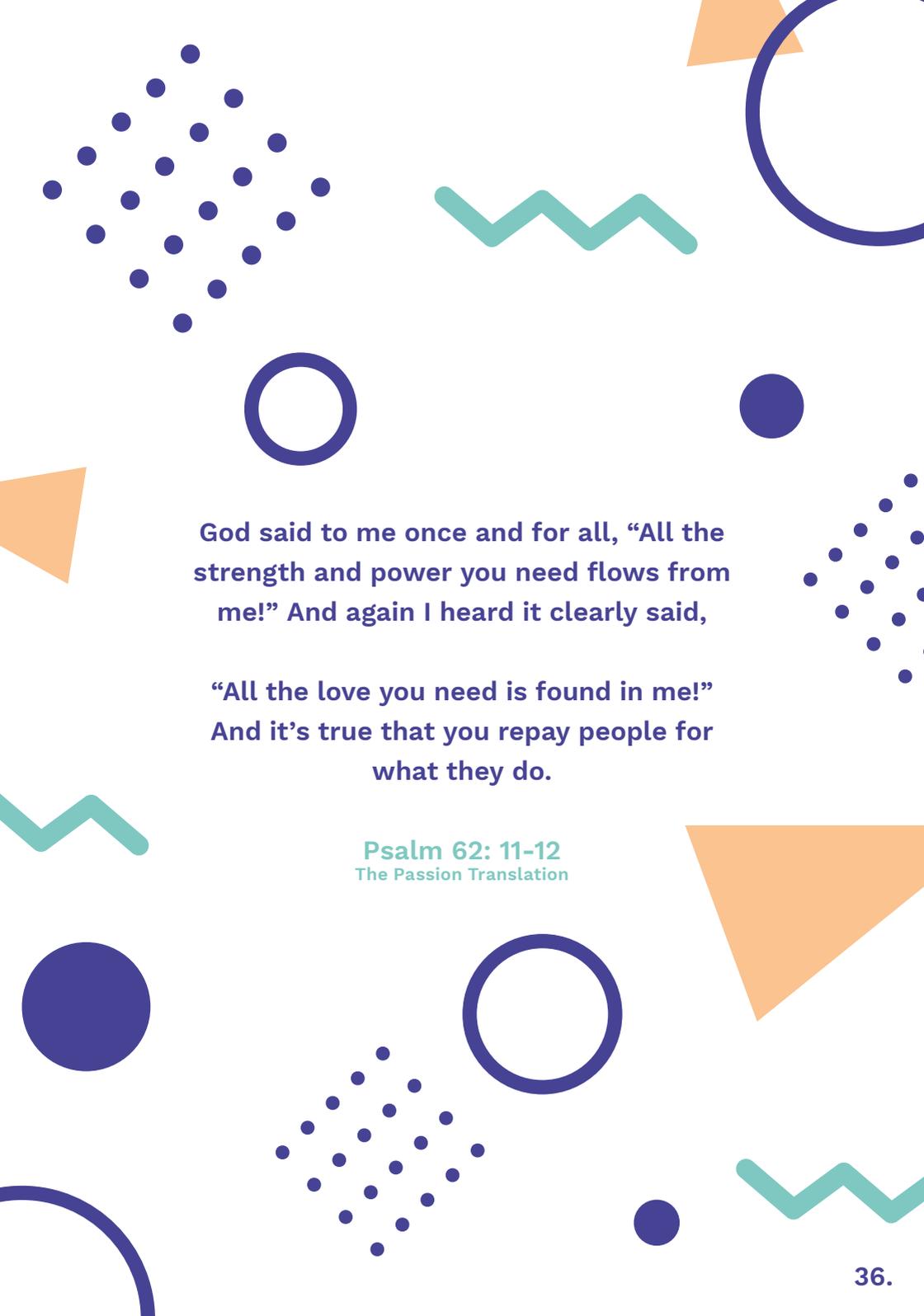
We support on a structured regularly basis, and out of heartfelt relationship, missionary endeavours in Albania, Namibia, Romania and Slovakia. Not forgetting our heroic church planters in Toulouse, France.

We also sponsor children through the ministry of Compassion International in Mugumo Village in Kenya. This ministry is represented in our own church by Anne Basabe.

We must also never forget those persecuted for faith in Christ. Kath Richardson is our Open Doors representative in this.

Someone said ‘we must be global Christians with a global vision because God is a global God!’ May our generous giving continue to fuel this passion to the locality and to the ends of the earth!

Phil Pye  
On behalf of Arena World Ministries



God said to me once and for all, “All the strength and power you need flows from me!” And again I heard it clearly said,

“All the love you need is found in me!”  
And it’s true that you repay people for what they do.

**Psalm 62: 11-12**  
The Passion Translation

## Additional £100,000 to renovate our Ministry School

We want to train empower and send people into the world. The estimated scope of work and costs to renovate the site are as follows:

- Renew the roof (it's presently asbestos sheets)
- New windows
- Full electrics, plumbing and heating.
- Build a mezzanine floor
- Build out offices
- Renovate a large classroom facility/hall with a fully equipped kitchen and coffee bar
- Create a small library area
- Flooring
- Furniture
- Landscaping and fencing

We have received some seed money from a select few people. Including the late Pastor Colin and Hazel Whittaker who also donated his extensive book collection for the school. We are looking for people who will invest into this valuable facility!



One of the great passions of giving above and beyond was to sow into the increased training and developing of people to enhance their Christian leadership and ministry journey, and be all God has destined them to be.

I am delighted to report that we were able to pioneer our first ever Arena Ministry School in 2019, which will now be held annually over three months at the beginning of each year. We had a great group of students enrol, two from other churches. To see how they have already stepped into greater expressions of ministry and leadership underlines the value of such a training opportunity.

Arena Church, thank you for believing in teaching and training. The ripple effect of the Arena Ministry School promises to be profound.

Phil Pye  
Arena Ministry School Leader



But seek first his  
kingdom and his  
righteousness, and all  
these things will be  
given to you as well.

**Matthew 6:33**

New International Version (NIV)

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **What is Arena 2020 in short?**

A 3 year fund, raising £100,000 per year to take the gospel to the world through Church Planting, Community Transformation, Leadership Training, and World Missions. 2020 is the third year of the fund.

## **How can I get involved?**

By prayerfully considering pledging or giving to this fund each year.

## **How can I give?**

You can give weekly, monthly, annually or in whatever frequency you would like but please ensure when you give that you clearly mark on the envelope or on your online payment “2020” so that we can ensure this money is restricted for this purpose. The easiest way to give is to set up a standing order if you are able.

## **The bank details for this purpose are:-**

Account: Arena Church • Sort Code: 40-25-29  
Account No: 61477196 • Reference: 2020

## **Can I give the gift up front?**

Yes. If you are a taxpayer we can claim Gift Aid of 25%, which means £100,000 from UK taxpayers gives us a massive £25,000 extra! Please complete a Gift Aid form which you can obtain from the Connect Point.

## **What happens if there is a surplus?**

We desire to create a margin that would allow us to do so much more in these key areas. The more we give, the more we are able to sow into ministry locally, nationally and across the world.

## **Who administers the fund?**

This fund is administered by the Financial Team of Arena Church and the Accountant auditors of Arena Church. It will be set aside as restricted funding for these areas only.

## **Will we still do the Mercy Offering?**

No. This fund will replace the Mercy Offering.



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## In Conclusion

Wow, what a testimony to the faithfulness of God, and yet we continue to believe and trust for more.

Please, can I ask that you consider giving your best to God in this offering. It may be that you have given an amount historically but could it be that God is asking you to do more this year? So often we desire to grow in our faith and yet in the area of giving we remain where we have always been. Remember tithing and giving is a test. Will we trust God with our resources?

All I ask is that we do not shrink back... let's not just THINK BIG but also GIVE BIG and see what God does in us and through us to the glory of God.

On behalf of the leadership and pastors of Arena Church we thank you in anticipation for your willingness to say yes to God!

We love and appreciate you

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