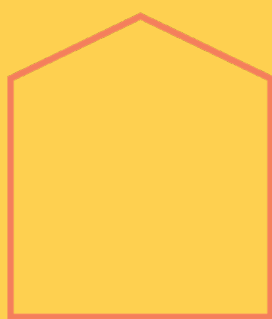
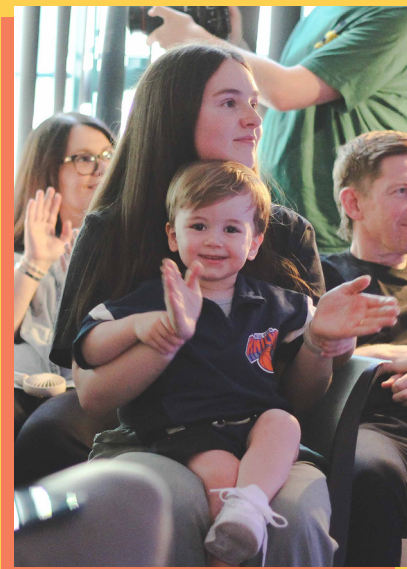




**FOR THE HOUSE  
LEGACY BUILDERS 2025**









## **A message from Kristian and Caroline Thorpe**

Dear friends,

Back in the 80's there was a TV series called 'A-Team'. John 'Hannibal' Smith was the leader of an ex-army special forces team and I loved this series. It aired on Saturday evenings and it was an hour where good always overcomes evil! Why do I say all this? John 'Hannibal' Smith had a catchphrase that was: "I love it when a plan comes together."

Since 2018 up to now we have had a plan that is centered around the thought of making a difference, impacting people and leaving a legacy. It's been wonderful to see this plan come together! Through the Legacy Offering we have been able to serve, reach, help, support and love so many in our locations, communities and in our world. Through outreach, purchase of vehicles, renovations of buildings and the launch of new ministries we've impacted thousands.

A verse in the bible that continues to mean so much to me is found in Proverbs 29:18, it reads 'Where there is no vision, the people perish.' Without vision people fall and often fail! So I am so glad we belong to a visionary church that has a plan and it's amazing to see so many people engaged in the vision through serving, praying and sacrificially giving to this.

Please read on throughout the pages of this book. Come and see where we've come from and where we are going. There is more land to possess, Deuteronomy 1:8 "See I have given you this land."

In a year of 'Founded' we want to continue to lay strong deep foundations that will continue to envision us way beyond today and that will leave a legacy to touch the next generation.

Thank you for all your support and love. You are loved and appreciated.

***Every blessing, Kristian and Caroline.***



**LEGACY  
2024  
RECAP**

# TOTAL INCOME

## APRIL 2024 - MARCH 2025

**£76,281**

**£96,166 Pledged**

**Given into:-  
Campus Development  
Van  
Supported Living Housing  
Buildings**

	<b>Target*</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Campus Development</b> <i>(Strengthen and support for Toulouse, Nottingham, Belper and The Hub)</i>	<b>£25,000</b>	<b>£25,000</b>
<b>Van</b> <i>(£13,000 received through funding)</i>	<b>£15,000</b>	<b>£2,000</b>
<b>Supported Living House</b>	<b>£25,000</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>Buildings</b>	<b>£60,000</b>	<b>£49,281</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£125,000</b>	<b>£76,281**</b>

*\*The amount intended as shown in the Legacy 2024 booklet*

*\*\*Where applicable Gift Aid will be applied*

***These figures are accurate as of 25.02.25 and based on  
projected averages, pending final year-end adjustments.***

Over the past year, we were continuing to believe for growth. The legacy offering was centered around four areas:

***1. Our buildings***

***2. The purchase of a van***

***3. Investment into our Supported Living Housing***

***4. Centred around Campus Development and Future Church Planting***

It's wonderful to see how we have grown over this past year and to see what we've been able to accomplish. Our buildings continue to be repaired and although we've had challenges around our buildings, particularly in Mansfield and Ilkeston with regards to our roofs, it has been amazing to see the progress that has been made and continues to be made. It was also great to be able to receive funding for the purchase of a van that enables us to not just move furniture, but to serve people in need within our local community, provide employment and repair, restore and reinvent pre-loved items.

We've also continued to invest into our campus development, into our campus locations and to see growth in all of our locations, we want to see that continue to be the case into our future. As an aside, we weren't able to invest anything further into our supported living housing. This is something that we want to continue to look at in 2025.

On the back of all that we gave, we were also able to invest, not just locally, but also into our world. The reach of Arena Church is quite incredible, touching people in different parts of the world and making a difference. This is all possible through the sacrificial giving and offering of so many who belong to Arena Church.



Now let's look forward to see what God wants to do into 2025.

# SO NOW TO TODAY

After much prayer and discussions with our Board here are the FOUR areas for our Legacy Fund this year.

**1. BUILDINGS**

**2. SUPPORTED LIVING**

**3. AMS BUILDING**

**4. CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT**

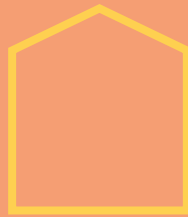
**Word of the Year**

**Founded**





# BUILDINGS



# 1. BUILDINGS

As we walk into 2025 it is our commitment to continue to build a legacy for The House. Last year we were clear that it was important that we looked after the resources that God has given us over the years and made the point that if we wanted to go fishing we needed to ensure we didn't have leaky boats. And so it's important that we continue to invest into our church buildings. The cost of the Ilkeston Roof alone was over £70,000 and there is still work to be done but thankfully we now no longer have a leaking roof.

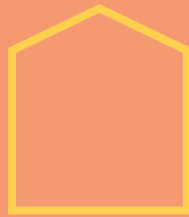
This year as we continue to look at being founded, it's still the case that there needs to be some investment into our buildings and into some of the ministries that have been established. First of all, with regards to our buildings, there is still so much work to be done to modernise all of our locations to make them a place that is attractive and relevant for people outside to come in, creating spaces that young people and children can be comfortable in and also a place that is accessible for those who are older or may be disabled. So it's our intention to invest into the fabric of our buildings across all locations.

This will include renovation of open foyer spaces investment into our main halls. Mansfield being an example, they are at a point where they have nearly outgrown the main hall. Therefore it's necessary to knock down some walls to increase the capacity for the growth that God has given them. We need to invest in new technology for lighting and more energy efficient lighting, better sound systems and investing in facilities for young people and children. Whilst we recognise there are no grandchildren in God's church, only children, we have a real passion to not just look after our children, but to look after the next generation that is coming up. We want to create spaces where young people and children will come in and find Jesus.

**FOR BUILDINGS,  
WE ARE BELIEVING FOR  
£90,000**



# SUPPORTED LIVING HOUSING



## 2. SUPPORTED LIVING HOUSE

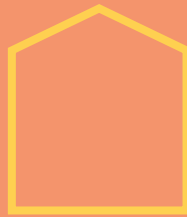
Secondly, we also want to continue to invest into our supported living program. This is helping those who otherwise would not have accommodation, numbers are homeless or may have just come out of prison. We are now working with social services around care leavers, those who have been in care and at age 18 find themselves left to fend for themselves. Care leavers often need support, and we are committed to being there for them in our local community.

One of the things that we want to do is purchase a house, and continue to purchase houses in the ensuing years, so we can leave a legacy for the next generation. Practically, while we can secure a mortgage, we will need to provide a deposit of 25–30%. The Legacy Fund will help us cover this cost.

**FOR SUPPORTED LIVING  
WE ARE BELIEVING FOR  
£30,000**



# **ARENA MINISTRY SCHOOL**





### **3. ARENA MINISTRY SCHOOL**

Since 2019, we have had ownership of an old engineering works that literally sits around the corner from our Ilkeston building. The Board decided that we would purchase this building particularly for ministry use. Part of the ministry would be the training and development of disciples and leaders. In 2019 Phil Pye launched and pioneered our Arena Ministry School. The Arena Ministry School now sits under the leadership of Nathan Butcher.

While we've made progress in updating this building—such as installing a new roof and windows and stripping out the interior—there is still at least £100,000 worth of renovation work that needs to be done.

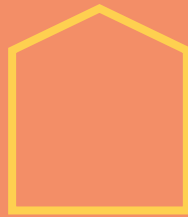
We wanted to invest into this building and build a place that can be utilised for ministry training and development. At the same time this can be a space that can be used for our seniors, young people and our children. We want it to be a ministry hub that would be used every single day.

Our goal is to complete this project this year. I want to draw a line under it and believe that the necessary funds will come in, allowing us to finish the building so that by this time next year, it can be used effectively. I see this as a place where lives can be transformed—where people can find salvation, receive help, and be reached with hope. But more than that, it will also be a place where we equip and send people out as missionaries—into their communities and beyond.

**FOR SUPPORTED LIVING  
WE ARE BELIEVING FOR  
£100,000**



# CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT



## **4. CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT & FUTURE CHURCH PLANTING**

We want to continue to invest into our locations encouraging the Campus Pastors with their outreach. We want to reach children, young people, seniors. We want to practically serve. We want to do so much more because the opportunities are still before us.

At the same time, as we walk into our future to cast some vision over the next ten years, could it be that we consider planting some other churches from Arena Church and maybe could we be involved in partnering with others to go and plant more churches? I really do believe that church planting is one of the most effective ways of bringing change to communities and to see people saved.

This takes a huge amount of money and on our own doorstep here in the East Midlands, we are committed to planting more churches across this area, whilst at the same time wanting to increase our church planting endeavours into that great city of Toulouse, France.

These are some of the things that we believe will be helpful as we give ourselves to this legacy offering. I would encourage you to prayerfully consider how you can get involved, and where necessary, please feel free to come and ask questions and we will seek to give you the answers.

**FOR CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT  
AND CHURCH PLANTING  
WE ARE BELIEVING FOR  
£40,000**

*All 4 areas require a significant investment of around £260,000. We are believing for this money to be raised through funding, giving and Legacy in 2025. Please pray and stand with us.*

**THROUGH OUR LEGACY  
FUND IN 2025 WE  
ARE BELIEVING FOR  
£130,000**

*What's the point of dreaming small?*

**IF YOU'RE GOING  
TO DREAM,**

**DREAM BIG!**

*Will you dream with me?*

*But will you also sow with me?*

*Me, my family and our team have sown financially and sacrificially as have so many others. Will you continue to do so, but will others arise who may have not done so before? You may be new to Arena, may have recently given your life to Jesus but will **YOU** help us with this great mission?*



**FOR THE HOUSE**



# FAQ'S

## *Frequently Asked Questions:*



### ***What is Legacy Builders in short?***

This is an annual fund that we will look to create that will enable Arena Church to lay foundations and sow seeds into our future, creating a legacy for generations to come.

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

By prayerfully pledging and giving to this fund.

### ***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?***

The 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.

### ***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 "Legacy".

The easiest way for regular, ongoing giving is to set up a standing order if with your bank. The bank details for this purpose are:-



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Alternatively, you can see our website, [www.arenachurch.co.uk/giving](http://www.arenachurch.co.uk/giving), for further ways to give, or complete one of our giving envelopes which can be found at your campus location.

### ***Can I Gift Aid on this amount?***

Yes. If you are a UK taxpayer we can claim Gift Aid of 25%, which means if you were to give £100 to Legacy, we can claim £25 extra from the government. If you haven't done so already, please complete an online Gift Aid form at [www.arenachurch.co.uk/giftaid](http://www.arenachurch.co.uk/giftaid).

### ***Can I give through my business?***

Over the years we have also had a number of business owners who have wanted to sow into the fund from their businesses. This is possible and a very efficient way of giving.

The generosity of businesses and business people has really swelled the fund and has helped us to achieve our goals. We love our business people and we are grateful for many who sow generously, knowing it's not just individuals but also businesses that are making a difference.



# THANK YOU

So this is to say thank you to you.

Around 2010- 2011 we took the church through a series called The Circle Maker, centered around Pastor Mark Batterson's book. We have revisited this great material. It encourages us to dream big, think long and to lay a foundation for generations to come.

Part of what you are doing is creating a legacy, not just for today, but for the next generation, and we want to thank you for all that you continue to do. May we continue to draw big circles believing that God is a big God, that nothing is too difficult for Him. We value every pound, we value every 10 pounds, but frankly it's going to take hundreds of thousands of pounds to be able to do what we want to do.

I started with vision, and when God gives us a vision, He also gives the provision - He often uses people. I would simply ask that you prayerfully consider as an individual and as a family, how you can generously get involved in what God is wanting to do now. Thank you for all your love, thank you for all your support, and we pray that we will tell a powerful story for generations to come.

Let's keep doing what we do for Jesus.

***Kristian and Caroline***

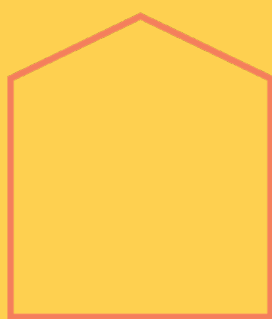


**the world of the generous  
gets larger and larger  
the world of the stingy gets  
smaller and smaller**

**Proverbs 11:24**

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