

An appeal from the Director of ReSource



“Thank you so much for the wonderful ReSource weekend. Several people have spoken about feeling utterly different since, and about how God is using them in a new way. In short, they are on fire!”

Tina Upton, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Blacon

Dear ReSource Friend

It is encouraging to get responses like this to events run by ReSource in *little, local and ordinary churches* across the UK, and it is only possible because of the prayer and financial support that you and others provide as part of the wider ReSource community. We couldn't manage without you!

The church where Tina Upton is Vicar, in an outer urban estate near Chester, is just the kind we love to come alongside and support with a ministry focused on the person and work of God the Holy Spirit. The numbers in the church are small, the community of Blacon is largely unchurched and the mission field is vast and potentially overwhelming. It is, though, a place and a people loved by God and where the Holy Spirit is at work to renew his church and equip it to make a difference. After a recent ReSource weekend Tina wrote to say *“this feels like the tangible beginning of some sort of revival here. It feels really exciting to be part of what God is doing”*.

As well as Blacon, on the same weekend ReSource ran events for churches in suburban West London and for a benefice of small country churches in Wiltshire. We seem to be busier than ever. Earlier in September we also ran a day for churches of all denominations in the Somerset market town of Frome and the small rural churches in the surrounding Deanery, with worship, teaching and workshops. *“It was really exciting to see this event happening in Frome”* said the Deanery Lay Chair *“and we will be praying that it will be a significant step in releasing the work and fruit of the Holy Spirit in and through our churches”*.

Our vision is to see churches like those in Blacon and Frome, in the mainstream of our denominations and right across the country, *alive in the Spirit and active in mission*. We would love ReSource to be able to extend its work and to serve *little, local and ordinary churches* and their leaders on a wider canvas, *for renewal, discipleship and mission*. Just imagine the impact that this would have on the health of the church nationally, and on the nation itself!

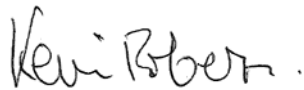
We are deeply grateful for the support that you currently give. We have achieved a great deal over the years through your faithful and loyal support, and there is a real sense that God is preparing the ground to bless us in even greater ways as we look to the future. With your help we are laying the foundations for the emergence of a ‘reshaped’ organisation that not only embraces all the good things of the past but seeks to work alongside churches across the length and breadth of the United Kingdom in new and exciting ways to encourage a deeper work of the Holy Spirit.

I am writing now to ask whether you might prayerfully consider making a one-off donation, at a level you can afford, to help raise the additional £150,000 we will need over the next 18 months to implement the recommendations from the *ReSource Future* consultation. This is a watershed moment for us. We have not made an appeal of this kind for a number of years, but this feels to be a moment of opportunity for us to extend our work, which I am keen not to miss!

With your help we will be able to put the staff and organisation in place to support the deployment of a large team of volunteer Associates to deliver ReSource's ministry, along with a team of volunteer Regional Coordinators to raise the profile of ReSource nationally. The Trustees believe that these appointments will be the key to extending ReSource's ministry to more and more *little, local and ordinary churches* across the UK. Quite simply, a larger team will mean a wider impact. How wonderful if together and with the help of God we can see this vision become a reality!

Finally, can I thank you all for your prayers and good wishes as we have moved the ReSource office to Telford and as Anne and I have moved our home too. We are looking forward with anticipation to all that lies ahead for ReSource and its ministry, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

With prayer and best wishes,



The Ven. Kevin Roberts
Director of ReSource

PS. We have just today received two further invitations for ReSource's ministry. If we can promote the work of ReSource more widely and grow the team of Associates to meet the demand, then I believe we can look forward to making a significant impact in *little, local and ordinary churches* across the country. Please pray for us. And support this appeal if you can. Thank you!

"ReSource is developing exciting plans to help churches grow their ministry and mission in the power of the Holy Spirit. I am delighted to be part of that emerging future and look forward to working with the Director, staff and Trustees as new plans are put in place. Please join us in making that vision a reality"

+John Holbrook
Bishop of Brixworth and Chair of the ReSource Trustees

