

# ReSource

## Churches Alive in the Spirit and Active in Mission

Thank you for travelling with ReSource over recent months and years. We hope that you will continue to do so as a new phase in our life and work begins to open-up. As you know, we have quite deliberately given ourselves to prayer and discernment over the last nine months, seeking God for His call and mandate for our future. It has been invigorating and challenging.

As we have listened and consulted and reflected we have heard again and again a deep yearning at every level of the church, and across the denominations, for a more profound engagement with God the Holy Spirit. *“I long to see the church experience a deeper work of the Holy Spirit”* was the statement in the *ReSource Future* questionnaire that got the highest endorsement. It feels as though we have tapped into a heart-cry for the church’s spiritual renewal, a yearning for “the Lord and giver of life”.

It is, of course, a heart-cry that finds a ready echo from those of us who over the years have journeyed with ReSource, and before that Anglican Renewal Ministries and The Fountain Trust. This has been the very heart-beat of our work. We have been far from perfect carriers of the message, and have had our own wounded history, but God has graciously used each successive organisation down the decades. And now we believe that He would have us keep going!

There will be changes ahead, possibly some big changes. But much will be familiar. The main-focus of our work will be within the Church of England (though not exclusively), and with the “little, local and ordinary” churches in its mainstream, across the church traditions, whose survival and revival is crucial to the future of the Church in our land. While we want to engage with fresh, re-imagined forms of church, we also want to honour and commit to the life of the church ‘as-is’, and help as best we can to unblock the wells from which past-generations have drunk the water of life. Indeed, we want our focus to be on the person and work of the Holy Spirit, who can turn up as unpredictably and wonderfully in a Parish Eucharist as in informal worship with a band, high-tech and the best after-service coffee! And in it all we want to help churches to join with the Holy Spirit in His work of making all-things new, in His wide, expansive mission in the world.

That is the briefest of summaries of the decisions made by the Trustees at the end of the *ReSource Future* process. There is more! But I hope that this is sufficient to encourage you to be with us on the onward journey. Please return the Consent Form, and please pray for all that is ahead. With love and prayer,



**Our Vision:** Churches Alive in the Spirit and Active in Mission  
**Our Mission:** To enable little, local and ordinary churches to engage with the Holy Spirit for renewal, discipleship and mission



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and Active in Mission*



**Archdeacon Kevin Roberts**  
Director of ReSource

### What happens next?

The Trustees will meet on 1 March to consider a Development Plan for ReSource’s future.

The Plan will look at a strategy for the next five years and define  
our priorities  
our staffing needs  
our operational structure  
our governance  
our budget  
our funding  
and  
our spiritual underpinning  
and accountability

This will be reported on in the Spring Newsletter.

There will be *ReSource Roadshows* later in 2018 to share vision and to pray for the ministry of ReSource and the work of the Holy Spirit in renewal, discipleship and mission

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Information about how to remember ReSource in your will is also available on the website or from Paula.



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"ReSource comes to us" was something we heard again and again in the ReSource Future conversations, with genuine appreciation. We heard many from smaller churches say how marginal they can often feel in their dioceses, and how encouraging it is when ReSource takes time to come alongside in the local context, rather than asking them to travel. We have concluded that this close-quarters engagement with local churches and groups of churches will be a core-commitment in the years to come, with the offer to journey alongside churches as they open their lives to the deeper working of the Holy Spirit.

This personal, even prophetic, companionship will be primarily relational, but we will look to develop resources on which churches can draw as the journey unfolds, all of which will be designed with little, local and ordinary churches at the front of our minds.

From our conversations we sense that this will mean i) continuing to offer speakers for renewal days, training events, Sunday services and church weekends ii) working with church leaders who want to see their churches engage with the Holy Spirit for renewal, discipleship and mission iii) providing accessible and locally adaptable written resources, training and courses, and developing an online resources-hub iv) developing a network of prayer and intercession for the renewal of the church generally and for those churches we are working with specifically and v) building partnerships with organisations which share our values and vision and which can bring a particular expertise to the churches, benefices, Deaneries or Circuits we are working with.



We are delighted that Canon Dr Alan Kerbey will be joining the ReSource team on a part-time consultancy basis to help us to develop a marketing, PR and communications strategy, with a special emphasis on securing the financial resources we will need to enable us to grow the work. Alan was an academic biochemist in Oxford before becoming Executive Director of Crusaders, and then Director of Development at Trinity Hall, Cambridge and later Monkton Combe School. He is a lay Canon of Wells Cathedral. We are delighted that he now feels a sense of call to ReSource, alongside his other ministry and charitable work.



The Revd Dr Christopher Landau has worked as Manager of the ReSource Future project for the last nine months, alongside his work as the Postgrads Pastor at St Aldates, Oxford. As the ReSource Future work comes to an end we will be looking at how he can continue to use his gifts as a theologian, pastor and communicator in the ReSource Team. But for now, can we record our immense thanks to him for his work these last nine months, and to all the members of the ReSource Future Group. Warm congratulations to Naomi Barraclough, and Ben, on the birth of their son Solomon.