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Becontree Church
The church on your doorstep

About us

Becontree Church has a history of pioneering mission and first contact evangelism. In 2014 a launch team of 12, led by Mike & Debbie Reith, set out from Dagenham Parish Church, to begin visiting the 5,500 homes in South Becontree. This, our sixth year, will see its completion.

In God's clear timing, Hannah and Rob were introduced to the area and the church, through London City Mission, in Sept 2015. When Mike and Debbie reached retirement in January 2020, Rob took on the role as lead pastor.

In what feels like a whole new chapter, we want to depend on God to:

- Grow His kingdom through first-contact evangelism (doorstep conversations) on our estate.
- Provide a viable church that serves and evangelises the new Barking Riverside Development.
- Plant a new church there within the next five years.

Job spec - Associate pastor/planter (fixed term 3-5 years)

This role would be ideal for someone who:

- Knows & loves Jesus, and therefore wants to serve Him, and His people.
- Believes what Jesus says about His return, and those who are for, or against Him (Matt 12:30)
- Enjoys first-contact evangelism, and is able to relate to and connect with cultural and social backgrounds different to their own, and who's desire is that home life plays a central role in their relationships with unbelievers. A main part of this role is the co-ordination and administration of our rolling visiting program (twice weekly).
- Desires to sit under the authority of God's word, and discover its absolute sufficiency for all things, in their maturity, and that of the church (2 Tim 3:16). Has clearly grown in that respect, and sees the need for God's word to be taught, applied, and lived out, in the church. A big part of this role will be the regular Sunday preaching, and sermon preparation/feedback.
- With this in mind, they should be able to affirm the Co-Mission declaration of faith, and the 39 Articles of faith.
- Is happy receiving instruction from Rob Newham as lead pastor, in their role alongside our eldership, and the oversight of bishop Andy Lines, and on financial decisions, the trustees.
- Sees the danger of pride/arrogance/man-pleasing in their own heart, and yet desires to resemble Jesus, who served willingly, was rejected by men, and humbled himself to death.

Salary: The successful candidate would receive:

- A salary of 15,000 per annum (f/t) to accompany their paid accommodation (see below)
- Housing locally, paid for by the church.