

A vibrant, artistic composition featuring a map of the world in the background. The top half is dominated by clear, blue water splashing over the map, with numerous bubbles and droplets. The bottom half shows a desert landscape with a large, gnarled olive tree on the right and a small bush on the left. The overall color palette is bright and natural, with blues, greens, and earthy tones.

# DISCOVER

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Vision 2026

“...we have discovered water..”

Genesis 26:32.

**That day Isaac's servants  
came and told him about  
the well they had dug.  
They said, "We have  
**discovered** water!"  
Genesis 26:32.**



# VISION 2026: **DISCOVER**

Dear Church Family,

As I look back over this year, I'm filled with gratitude for all God has done through Vision 2025. In response to His call to 'Stretch' (Isaiah 54:2), we stepped out in faith and launched three services, creating more room for people to encounter Jesus and find community. Thank you to everyone who has led, served, prayed, and given so generously. Your faithfulness is impacting lives for eternity.

As we look ahead, God is inviting us into a new theme for Vision 2026: "Discover" (Genesis 26:32). Just as Isaac after many attempts and opposition finally discovered a new source of water, we believe that as we have stretched in faith through last year's vision, we will discover **deeper community, multiplied momentum** and **impactful mission**.

Will you continue to trust God, partner with Him, and give generously as we step into all He is calling us to? Together, let's embrace this season of discovery and follow where He leads.

With expectation,

*Sujith Alex*

Senior Pastor  
Beacon Church





## Our Vision

To be a **BEACON** in our world



## Our Mission

To reveal **JESUS** to all





## Our Values

### Passionate

We are all in, withholding nothing. We make no apologies for the way we love Jesus. We embrace everything God has done. Everything He is doing. He is worth it.

### Uplifting

We focus on God's goodness, not our weakness. We encourage. We inspire. We build people up, not tear them down.

### Welcoming

We believe acceptance transforms, not judgement. We get excited by the limitless potential that God's love can release in any individual. Therefore, we major on love, all day, every day.



# GIVING: YOUR IMPACT

Your generosity is more than numbers on a page. It is Sunday worship, changed lives, growing community and hope reaching far beyond our walls. Thank you for making ministry possible.

## **Sundays – The Church Gathered**

We gather every week to worship Jesus, hear God’s Word and welcome newcomers into a living, growing church family.

## **Small Groups & Connection**

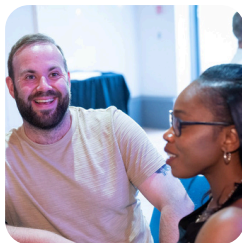
Spaces are created midweek where people are known, loved and disciplined by sharing life, praying together and finding real community.

## **Kids**

We provide safe fun environments where children discover that God knows them, loves them and has a purpose for their lives.

## **Youth**

Teenagers find a place to belong, ask big questions, encounter Jesus and grow strong in their faith in a challenging world.





### **Young Adults**

We help Young Adults navigate study, work and calling with Christ at the centre by building friendships, mentoring and a heart for God's kingdom.

### **Online Church**

We stream services and content so people can connect, worship and hear the gospel wherever they are.

### **Prayer**

We resource prayer gatherings, prayer ministry and spaces to seek God together covering our church, town and world in intercession.

### **Suffolk Wellbeing**

We provide pastoral care and wellbeing initiatives that bring hope, healing and practical help to those facing emotional or mental health challenges.

### **Mission**

The good news of Jesus is shared locally and globally—supporting partners, planting churches and serving communities in need.



# VISION 2025: **RECAP**

## Stretch our Home

Last year we shared a bold vision to extend our home by building a new structure in the car park—creating room to move the temporary welcome lounge from the auditorium, provide space for youth, offer a bespoke guest welcome area, and open more room for connection.

This year we took key early steps toward that vision. We carried out specialist surveys of sewage, utilities, and infrastructure, commissioned architectural designs to show how the extension could free space across our site, and submitted a planning pre-application for guidance. We also began refurbishing and expanding our office space to better support midweek ministry. These foundations prepare the way for the next stage—turning our shared vision into reality through faith, generosity, and unity.



# VISION 2025: **RECAP**

## **Stretch our Global impact**

### **Life Child**

We helped fund Life Child's second foster home in South Africa, supporting vulnerable children and strengthening their faith-filled journey.



### **Empart**

We enabled Empart to equip leaders, empower women, support children, improve health, provide emergency aid, and bring holistic community transformation.



### **IBTI Bible College**

We supported IBTI, training the next generation of Christian leaders and missionaries through holistic discipleship, ministry preparation, and transformative mission-focused education.



# VISION 2025: **RECAP**

## **Stretch our online impact**

This year we made strong progress in expanding our digital reach. We welcomed a new staff member focused on strengthening our social media presence and engaging more people throughout the week. We also began rebranding our website, refining our visual identity, and developing stronger SEO to make Beacon easier to find online and more accessible for visitors and newcomers.

To boost visibility further, we launched the Find Your Sunday Rhythm social media campaign, helping introduce Beacon to new audiences and grow our online influence. These steps are building a solid foundation for continued digital growth.



# VISION 2025: **RECAP**

## Stretch our local impact

### Growth

This year we stretched our local impact by growing from two to three Sunday services and online streaming, enabling us to reach more people in our community and beyond. These steps have helped Beacon become more accessible, strengthening engagement with those exploring faith or reconnecting with church life.



### Compassion

We also expanded our care for those facing financial pressures and mental health challenges. Our new Beacon Cares team now provides practical help, prayer support, and ongoing pastoral care. At Christmas, we were able to bless vulnerable households as an expression of the compassion we believe our community is called to embody.





DISCOVER





# COMMUNITY





# VISION TESTIMONIES




**Mark Gooden**

“I was quite confident that I was a very generous person as I’d give so much to so many people. However, I didn’t tithe. I spent some time learning the word of God and once I understood the revelation of the tithe, I felt God say to me *“You’re generous to everyone except me”*. That changed my perspective and I began to understand that tithing is first about coming under Christ’s Lordship.”



**Marta Anderson**

“For me, tithing wasn’t a rule, but a heart transformation. I realised God owns 100% of everything; I am simply His money manager invited to build His Kingdom through Beacon. Initially, I felt scared and embarrassed to commit to the Vision Offering because I had very little money. However, I prayed for understanding and promised to tithe any ‘extra’ income. God answered faithfully, providing an unexpected inheritance and new photography work. It wasn’t a coincidence. Seeking God changed my perspective: I moved from fear and unbelief to becoming a cheerful giver, understanding that we are blessed to be a blessing.”



# VISION TESTIMONIES

“I wanted to honour God by stewarding my money well to be able to give more. This year I prayed about even the small purchases like asking God if I can have a coffee to wanting to go skydiving. Sometimes he unexpectedly said yes! Sometimes no. I didn’t feel like I lost out on anything, but was able to trust God knew the best decisions for me. I was then able to give more away and felt less dependency on money.”



**Grace Giffin**

## **LOOK WHAT YOUR GIVING HAS DONE!**

*“Thank you for the support with funding our second Foster Home. God has taken us on a long and faith-filled journey to get to where we are today and it could not have been done without the help of Beacon Church”*



**Life Child Africa**

# COMPLETE OUR HOME



Last year, under the banner “Stretch Our Home”, we set out with faith and excitement to create more room in our church – especially for our kids, youth, and guests. We had hoped this vision would be completed in 2025. It hasn’t been. Over this past year we’ve faced real hurdles: planning permission delays, limited financial and human resources, and unexpected practical challenges like drainage and site issues. These have slowed us down more than we anticipated, but they have not stopped us.

In the middle of the setbacks we have also seen major victories. We now have completed architectural drawings, really positive conversations with the council, and a much clearer picture of what it will actually take to finish the project. Because of this, our vision for 2026 is simple and bold: **Complete Our Home.**

70%

# COMPLETE OUR HOME



We remain committed to creating more room by removing the temporary welcome lounge and building a new structure in our car park – a permanent space for welcome, **deeper community**, connection, and the next generation. The plans are drawn, permissions granted, and the foundations of the vision are in place, but we still have ground to cover financially and practically before this expanded home is complete.

That's why we are asking our church family to once again lean in with prayer, serving, generosity, and sacrifice. In 2025 we stretched; in 2026 we believe we will complete. Will you help us finish what we started? Every prayer, every gift, and every hour served moves us closer to a home that can welcome more people and better care for the next generation. Together, by God's grace, we will **complete our home!**

# INVEST IN THE KINGDOM

## Locally - multiplied momentum

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As we move toward Vision 2026, we'll build on what God has begun—strengthening online church, growing Young Adults, renewing Kids spaces, and creating social rhythms that help people belong. In 2026 we'll gather for a church-wide conference to worship, learn, and be equipped.



## Globally - impactful mission

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 life child



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GREAT BRITAIN

empart.   
Empower & Partner



evangelical alliance  
together making Jesus known

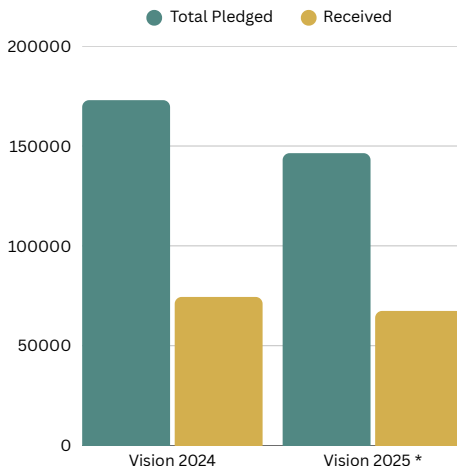




# FUELING THE MISSION

## Past, Present & Future

To visualise our journey toward full commitment, the following data contrasts the total giving pledge against the actual redemption percentage for the full year 2024 and the current progress in 2025.



### Vision 2024

Total Pledged: £172,964.52

**Received: £74,419.24 (43%)**

### Vision 2025

Total Pledged: £146,421.07

**Received : £67,410.88 (46%)**

\*2025 figures represent progress-to-date as of 12/12/25. We anticipate final amount to increase by Vision Sunday 2026.



# VISION SUNDAY 2026:

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# 8TH FEBRUARY 2026

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# GET INVOLVED

## 1. Get hold of a pledge card

Pledge cards will be available both on our website and in print version.

## 2. Decide in Prayer

Vision Sunday on the **8th of February** may evoke excitement for some and a sense of challenge for others. All we ask of anyone, yet urge of everyone, is to come before God and to ask Him with an open heart what He wants us to give.

*“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 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.” 2 Corinthians 9:6-7*

## 3. Respond with courage

You may wonder whether your contribution matters. God wants to grow each of us in our faith as we listen to Him and step out and trust Him. The individual responses of our hearts will determine our future. We are not looking for equal amounts or equal sacrifice but equal obedience.

**Please submit your pledge cards on 8th February 2026**





## **What is a Vision Offering?**

It is simply saying “yes” to whatever God prompts us to pledge to give over the next 12 months - a willing response to His leading. We don’t ask for equal amounts or equal sacrifice, but we unapologetically ask for equal obedience to Him.

## **How can we give?**

We can give by standing order, online, cash, cheque, contactless or stocks. More details are at [beaconchurchuk.org/give](https://beaconchurchuk.org/give).

## **What’s the difference between our tithe and the Vision Offering?**

Our tithe keeps the church alive. It is 10% of our income that we return to God out of gratitude and surrender. The Vision Offering is a sacrificial gift above our tithe, dedicated to Vision 2026.

## **What should we bring on Vision Sunday?**

Bring the completed pledge card. If you pledged online, please still fill out a blue paper card as an outward sign of your partnership.

## **What if we can’t fulfil our pledge?**

We view your pledge as a journey of faith, not a debt. While we encourage you on this journey we will never chase you to redeem it.

## **How long do I have to give?**

We ask everyone to fulfil their pledge within 12 months of Vision Sunday.

## **What is Gift Aid?**

If you’re a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid lets us claim an extra 25% on your gift at no extra cost. Need help? Contact us through the website.



Scan here to pledge  
or give online

# LET'S DISCOVER TOGETHER

Thank you for praying and giving, together we will see God do amazing things.