



weba new churches fund



Ali Boulton talks to
Regional Minister
Alisdair Longwill—watch
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church give
£200
in 2009?

This year WEBA launches its **New Churches Fund**.

The fund will provide WEBA churches with an annual focus for prayer and giving, in the same way that 'Focus for Growth' was used in the past.

Now, that focus will be a brand new project within the region.

"We're looking to plant 1 new missional congregation a year for the next ten years," says Senior Regional Minister Nigel Coles.

In 2009 the focus will be on Wichelstowe, a new housing development just south of Swindon. After that? "Well, we're exploring a couple of possibilities in North Somerset for starters," Nigel adds.

WEBA is working in partnership with final year ministerial student Alison Boulton and her family as together we explore how we might we best build God's kingdom in this new developing community. During 2009, all gifts to the New Churches Fund will go towards a share of the cost of purchasing a Manse in the new housing development. The Boultons will use this base to explore ways in which they can serve Christ amongst the people they find there.

This is a step of faith, an adventure, because what will grow as a result will be determined not by tradition or a pre-determined plan but by the needs of the community itself as relationships develop. **"We believe passionately in incarnational mission,"** says Ali, **"which is basically mirroring what God did in sending Jesus - the Word became flesh and dwelt among us - it 's about being where people are and meeting people where they are at."**

To help this project get off the ground, we are asking WEBA churches to prayerfully consider giving **£200** during 2009—or £75 for our smaller churches. Please write cheques to **WEBA**, mark them '**New Churches Fund**' and send to the WEBA office at the address below.

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