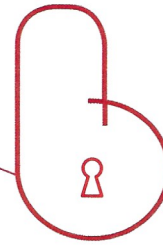


Becontree Church

The church on your doorstep



Church Leader: Rob Newham

(Please reply to the address at the bottom of this letter.)

Dear Resident,

It's strange getting unexpected letters, and I especially want to apologise if you have a notice saying you don't want any leaflets through your door!

But we aren't selling pizzas.

We're others who live on the estate, and we're simply wanting to get to know the people who live here.

We're aware that some have few friends.

We're aware that in London it is probably wise to be suspicious of strangers.

We also know people are fed up of religious groups pretending to be friendly, but who only want to get their pre-packaged message across.

We'd like to be different. We would just like to get to know you and to talk about the things neighbours talk about to each other.

We think it'll be great to create a culture of friendliness in our area.

People say it's attractive to live in a village because everyone is friendly.

Why can't it be like that on our Becontree estate?

So we aren't coming to get you! (to come to church)... just to get to know you!

(If you want to know we do meet on Sundays – at the Dawson Centre, 330 Hedgeman's Road, RM9 6BX @ 4pm.)

We're planning to knock on your door between 2 to 3:30 this Sunday.

It may be that you want to see us as much as you want to see the dentist!

In which case please email me or text me or phone me (contact info below), and we'll leave you alone. We don't want to be pests.

If on the other hand, you'd quite like us to visit you, then it may be worth contacting us so we put you at the top of the list. We are planning to visit the whole of your street, so can't talk long... and it may be that we have so many conversations that we don't get to you at all. Sending a quick 'come to us' message in advance means you'll jump the queue and we'll come to you first!

We look forward very much to seeing you soon.