



Weekly Prayer Focus: 15th August 2021

Grays Baptist Church

Grays is the largest town in the unitary borough of Thurrock located on the north bank of the River Thames not far from the M25, and Grays Baptist Church is located in a prominent position on the busy main road through the town.

The church has been without a pastor for the past three and a half years. The church now feels it is financially able to afford a full-time minister once again, so since the beginning of 2021 has been actively seeking a new pastor. Bob Sullivan was appointed as the Moderator and is helping the church and leadership team through the settlement process.

Since services started again after lockdown last September the church has been livestreaming its services each week on Youtube. Since in-person gatherings began again in April there have already been new people turning-up to the services on Sundays.

After the enforced lockdown cessation of many activities there are plans to re-start the weekday children's and youth activities from September, as well as Sunday School for the various age groups each week.

On Friday evenings a local charity -- the Friends of Essex and London Homeless -- uses the space at the front of the church to provide a soup kitchen and food for the homeless in Thurrock.

Please pray for:

- The search for a new pastor and that God will lead the right person to this role.
- The church leadership team and a number of ongoing health issues.
- The children's and youth work as it starts up again in September.