



Weekly Prayer Focus: 10th December 2023 Belle Vue Baptist Church

Belle Vue Baptist Church is located in Southchurch, just to the east of Southend city centre. The church has been led for the past thirteen years by Rev Andy Goodliff who has recently gone part-time. The church has been able to appoint Jeanette Pool as a Families and Community worker.

The church has a regular Sunday congregation of about 80 who are mainly drawn from the surrounding area. Many people have been associated with the church for a long time. There is an excellent sense of fellowship and a strong programme of outreach into the local community which includes:

- The well-attended Centre Café with play space which meets every Tuesday for all ages, from the youngest to the oldest to come and chat, play, and enjoy refreshments.
- In the past year a weekly Renew Wellbeing space has opened for shared activities, to talk and to pray. It encourages good habits in mental and emotional wellbeing.
- There are over 100 boys and girls aged between five and eighteen who are part of the flourishing Boys Brigade company.
- The church was a founder partner of Southend Foodbank which has just celebrated its tenth anniversary. There is a weekly distribution centre at Belle Vue and the food storage warehouse facility is hosted at the church.
- Once a month there is a shorter service on a Sunday which is then followed by messy church (pictured left).

Belle Vue is already a Bronze Eco church and is working towards silver status. The photo shows roses recently being planted in the Rose Garden in memory of four members who died this year.

When not at the church Rev Dr Andy Goodliff is a lecturer in Baptist History and Theology at Regent's Park College in Oxford.

Please pray:

- For all the activities taking place at the church and those who are reached by them.
- That new people will come to faith and get to know Jesus as their own saviour.
- For the church leadership team and wisdom in taking the church forward.



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