



Weekly Prayer Focus: 18th December 2022

RENEW Church

Renew is a pioneering church who meet in Lode Chapel, a historic building in the affluent village of Lode just a few miles north east of Cambridge. The pastor is Rev Alan Brand who has led this church for the past seven years.

On Sundays the members currently meet in an informal way sharing breakfast, fellowship and discussion, and on Thursdays each week meet to share a meal together.

During covid the church stayed connected via zoom and since returning has seen a lot of changes with many people departing and the leadership team leaving. The church had been meeting in a school in Bottisham on Sundays but have now returned to the chapel and relaunched itself with a new vision which is about following Jesus together as a community of believers with four key values: hospitality, honesty, diversity and being community.

Those attending Renew come from the villages around Cambridge. The church is connecting with the local community and the coffee morning every Wednesday is a great opportunity to reach out to people in the local community, especially those who are lonely. Renew is considering adding lunch to the coffee morning to reach others who are by themselves.

The church is currently supported by a Home Mission grant and there are some concerns about the long-term financial sustainability of funding this pioneer ministry.

Please pray:

- That the depth of fellowship and unity will grow ever closer amongst those who are part of the church.
- For more opportunities for connections, contacts and impact with the local community.
- For wisdom and strength for Pastor Alan as he leads the church through challenging times.
- For clarity over finances and guidance from the Holy Spirit in leading the church forward.