



Weekly Prayer Focus: 28th November 2021

Hawkwell Baptist Church

Hawkwell Baptist Church is located in Hawkwell, part of Rochford in Essex. It is a community-minded church and its pastor is Rev Richard Iles who introduces the church's ministry to the local neighbourhood in a video which is on the EBA YouTube channel at https://youtu.be/vOHpRVOp_e0

Since the lockdowns the church has proceeded with projects in Hedingham Place, a parade of shops a short distance from the church. They have run a charity shop called Faith Hope and Charity for over twenty years here but more recently extended the shop to include a cafe and bookstore. They are currently converting another unit into a Resource Centre to provide counselling and support services to the local community.

The church runs a number of other missional activities that benefit both community and church. There is a Nostalgia group for older people to share memories, Girl's Brigade, a Men's Shed group that have done a lot of work on the new cafe, and there is a Knitted Together group where those who come can knit and natter.

The church also takes opportunities to reach out with special activities such as their All Saints Sausage Sizzle, held on Halloween, offering hot dogs and burgers to passers-by. They contacted over 200 people in this way 2021.

All these activities are a challenge and Richard asks us to pray the following for the church:

Please pray

- that we will have opportunity to share the gospel and faith to those around us and to see the kingdom explode in this part of Rochford.
- for continued contacts with the local community, and finance to support the agencies the church is bringing into the new ventures.
- that the Holy Spirit will enable what we are doing to flourish in this area.



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