



Weekly Prayer Focus: 8th August 2021

Great Sampford Baptist Church

On the Suffolk/Cambridge borders Great Sampford is a small village in Essex. The Baptist Church is one of two churches in the village, the other being the Parish Church.

When Pastor Revd Sue Johnston last wrote for the prayer focus she shared that through the small congregation God was working on a big project – the transformation of the buildings – and this has been continuing and is still a work in progress. The featured images show that much has been done and the church is now a more usable space for the whole community.

Sue reports that the church building was closed during the pandemic but is now open again. 'That doesn't mean we haven't been sharing the Good News of Jesus to those in our community by both our words and deeds. Our work with the local primary school continued and we have been visible (via Zoom) more than we were before lockdown. This has enabled us to support the children, parents and staff and for this opportunity we thank God.'

She adds: 'We are looking forward to starting up some of our other activities like our coffee mornings from September and patiently wait to see what else God will entrust us with to do.'

In the past five years the church has carried out a lot of work on the building by putting on a new roof, removing the pulpit and organ, installing a new concrete floor, creating a new church office, adding new heating, lighting and toilets, redecorating the interior, repairing the front wall and installing new windows, redecorating the front exterior, and the hall has been converted into a lovely four-bedroom home for the minister and family to live in.

This has been done in phases as and when the money has been available and God has never ceased to supply the church's needs.

This has also been a time of prayer and faithful obedience to the call of God on the church's part and Sue says: 'We have been very blessed in the process, although I must add here that it hasn't all been plain sailing and we still have a way to go.'

Prayer focus

- that God will continue supplying our needs as we look to repair the other three walls and replace/repair all the windows before installing a new kitchen
- please pray for those who have become part of the church community but who do not come to the church – that the congregation will continue to support them