



Weekly Prayer Focus: 15th October 2023 Witnesham Baptist Church

Witnesham is a village about four miles north of Ipswich and where for the past 150 years Witnesham Baptist Church has been situated in the heart of the community. It is a small rural church which is friendly and informal. The loyal congregation is currently not large and tends to be mainly older.

The church's own minister retired in 2022 and since then the church has been blessed with a variety of excellent preachers each week, which include different guest speakers and some local retired ministers.

On the fifth Sunday of the month there is a joint service held with the village Anglican church that alternates its venue between St. Mary's parish Church in Witnesham, Witnesham Baptist Church and two other local parish churches.

As well as Sunday services there are weekday activities including a toddler group, home groups and a Bible Study and prayer meeting called 'Reflections'.

Since the village Post Office closed a few years ago there is now a Post Office outreach service in the conservatory room at the church on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings which attracts quite a lot of local residents into the church premises.

Overall the church is blessed with good buildings which are very well used by a wide variety of different local community groups including the Village Voices choir who meet each week.

Please pray for:

- More of the local community to be involved in the church and increase the congregation.
- A sense of God's vision in seeking new ways for the church to reach out.
- The continued blessing of excellent ministry brought by different visiting speakers on Sundays.