



Weekly Prayer Focus: 28th August 2022

Oasis Community Church

Brightlingsea is a coastal town in Essex situated between Colchester and Clacton-on-Sea, at the mouth of the River Colne.

Brightlingsea is a self-contained town with a strong community spirit and varied population. And this is where you will find the Oasis Community Church which meets on Sundays in the local community centre.

During lockdown the church continued to meet weekly on Zoom but are now back to meeting in-person again. There has been steady growth over the past few years and about 25 people now gather each Sunday morning to worship together. There is a variety of backgrounds and ages represented, and a few children who attend, but plans are in hand for new outreach to children and families.

Services are usually led by a variety of guest speakers from different backgrounds, together with nurturing and developing talents from within the fellowship. The leadership team provide spiritual support and practical assistance.

The church has been without a pastor for a while since the previous pastor retired but are actively in the settlement process looking for someone new. There is a 24 hour prayer clock on the first of each month to pray specifically for a new minister and the needs of the church and the town.

During the week there is a prayer meeting one week and Bible-based housegroups on alternate weeks. The prayer triplets, which first met on Zoom during lockdown as a way of keeping people together, continue to meet monthly.

The recent Brightlingsea Regatta drew large crowds to the town and the church had a marquee in a prominent location which featured a team from Christian charity "Tough Talk" demonstrating powerlifting. (pictured).

Please pray for:

- The church and leaders as they seek a new pastor and meet regularly to pray about this.
- For growth in the fellowship and the development of plans to reach out to children.
- That people will be released into their ministries and their talents will be unlocked.