



Weekly Prayer Focus: 7th November 2021

Great Shelford Free Church

Great Shelford Free Church is a church community on the outskirts of Cambridge, close to Addenbrooke's Hospital. Its Minister is the Revd Martin Cockerill.

It is a generous church, seeking to give back what God has given, back into the community. The church do the "normal" activities that everyone else does: the toddler groups, the baby groups, the coffee mornings and lunches, but has also gone digital over the last two years providing hybrid services and learning what it means to stay connected, whether or not everyone is able to gather together in the same room.

The church partnered with Romsey Mill to establish Cara Coffee as a community social enterprise in a building the church owns. The church refurbished the building and gifted it to Romsey Mill to run their cafe business, but have also partnered with them to make Cara Coffee work for the community. Part of this is the ability to use the building out of hours, for example in the recent All Saint's festival where over 100 gathered for food, fun and riding a rodeo horse!

Cara in Gaelic means friends and in Latin means beloved and is the church's opportunity to show love and friendship to those who would not often come into a church building as part of its commitment for people to see God's love and God's grace as well.

The church has produced a video and this is on the EBA YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/MoSnxUXShul>

Prayer points:

- Give thanks for the partnership with Romsey Mill which has opened opportunities for Cara Coffee to build bridges with the local community.
- Pray that the church may learn how to grow in an environment where they stay connected even though they may not be in the same room.
- Pray that the church will have wide doors to welcome all into the fellowship.
- Pray that as a church they would grow deep wells into God's love and God's grace.