



Weekly Prayer Focus: 24th April 2022 Maidstone Road Baptist Church, Felixstowe

Maidstone Road Baptist Church are welcoming, friendly and generous hearted fellowship in the Walton area of Felixstowe. The town is home to Britain's largest container port, and is currently experiencing the start of an housing expansion, much of it within walking distance of the church.

The church is home to a strong Parish Nursing ministry, run in conjunction with two other neighbouring churches. The ministry has a Parish Nurse, a Parish Mental Health Nurse and a team of enthusiastic volunteers. Apart from individual help for clients with health issues, it has a chair-based exercise class, a "No Labels" group for those with mental health issues, and 'Fizzability' for disabled working age people.

Walton is an area of significant social as well as spiritual need, and since Covid regulations have eased, the church has begun a process of prayer and reflection as to how to address these challenges in new ways.

Additionally, the church's Pastor, Revd Mark Reid retires next year, so the church has begun the process of exploring its next steps. As part of this process the church recently committed to ten days of prayer.

Please pray for the following:

- For the church's existing ministry, especially Parish Nursing and its associated ministries, as well as the many clients that are being helped by the nursing staff and volunteers.
- For the challenge of reaching our new neighbours who will be moving into the new houses soon.
- For a clear vision as to the direction of the church's ministry, particularly as the church looks towards a new pastorate. What sort of church is God calling MRBC to be in the coming years and that it will be led to call a pastor that will fulfil the Lord's purposes for the church in the coming years.