



Weekly Prayer Focus: 12th June 2022 Melbourn Baptist Church

Melbourn is a popular, lively and thriving village located just ten miles south of Cambridge and where you will find Melbourn Baptist Church which traces its roots back to 1667.

This active church is made up of people from all walks of life, a good spread of ages and from many different nations. On Sundays over one hundred people gather for worship together. There is a good children's and youth work. The church has a strong diaconate and leadership team and the pastor for the past sixteen years has been Rev Stuart Clarke.

During covid the church went online and benefitted from the technical skills of those in the fellowship. Now things are back to normal and the church programme has resumed in person. There is a full programme of weekly activities including Foodbank, homegroups, youth activities and other community engagement.

The church has planning permission to build a new hall replacing a 1950's "temporary" structure. Building work will begin in August and be completed in 2023. There is a project team leading this and the ongoing fundraising activities to meet the costs.

This summer there are big changes ahead. Pastor Stuart is leaving to lead Brunswick Baptist Church in Gloucester. Youth worker Jason Allison is taking up a new role at Holy Trinity, Cambridge. And the church's key worship leader is moving away to the West Country. So the church is looking at a time of prayer and reflection as it considers the way forward and what is next.

Please pray:

- For the building project, the work starting in August and the ongoing fundraising activity.
- For a fresh vision for the future of the church and God's leading through the upcoming period of pastoral vacancy.
- For unity and strength for the leadership team and the whole fellowship at this time of change.



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