



Who are we?

We are a church family seeking to follow Jesus as Lord in our personal lives and to serve Him in the power of the Holy Spirit in our large and growing village community. Since being planted 35 years ago we have seen God move amongst us. People have come to faith, baptisms have taken place and people have grown in the Spirit. We meet in the village hall for Sunday worship, for a Monday outreach to older people and Friday youth club. We own a 3 bedroom detached house in the village used as a manse.

What do we believe?

Statement of Faith

As a church we exist to honour God in worship and, in obedience, to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek to do this in the power of the Holy Spirit in:

- Worship which is relevant, contemporary and inclusive.
- Evangelism to reach those who do not have a personal relationship with God.
- Calling people into the fellowship of His church.
- Ministry which meets the spiritual, physical, emotional and relational needs of each individual
- Discipling people to grow as Christians by equipping, edifying and enabling them to play an active role in the life of the church and their community.

We believe that:

- The Bible is the inerrant and inspired word of God and is the believers manual for life.
- God is universally sovereign.
- God is three persons in one; God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
- The Lord Jesus Christ is fully God and fully Man and was born of a woman, led a sinless life and was crucified, dead and buried. He physically rose from the dead, ascended into heaven and will visibly return in power and glory.
- All mankind is sinful and under God's judgement.
- Salvation, received by faith only, is the restoring of man's relationship with God through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ.
- God the Holy Spirit empowers the believer to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ.
- Each believer has access to God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

What do we do?

We meet for worship on Sunday mornings in the village's Memorial Hall. Our average congregation is around 30 of varied ages. A Sunday school is available for the children. Style of worship varies depending on the person leading and the object of the service. We can be noisy and quiet, exuberant and joyful, corporate and individual, free to contribute and free

to be led. We hope we always look to the Holy Spirit to guide us in our worship. Individual growth is encouraged through small groups which vary in style and objectives, although all lead to deeper commitment.

House groups and a ladies' prayer group meet regularly and a weekly prayer meeting, started on Zoom during lockdown, has continued online.

Alpha courses have been run in several formats with a number of target groups.

Pastoral care is the responsibility of the Pastor who is assisted by a small team including one of the deacons. Less formal pastoral support is offered through the small groups.

Over the years we have seen God's blessing in conversions, baptisms and growth in the Christian life.

We minister to the community by means of Fantastic Friday Club, our children's and young people's groups, in which we are supported by the parish church, on a Friday evening.

We minister to a group of largely retired people through Cane and Able coffee morning on Monday and Wednesday soup lunches about twice a month. Both of these ministries have clear gospel content.



Cane and Able coffee morning celebrate Valentine's Day

The fellowship has links with the wider Christian community in and around Grantham. We are a member of Churches Together in Grantham and support "The Passage" working with homeless people and the Grantham Food Bank. Members attend the Easter March of Witness.

There are many friendships between our members and members of other churches in and around the town and have a friendly relationship with All Saints Parish Church in Barrowby.

We are part of the East Midlands Baptist Association. We have supportive members in Canada and Eastern Europe and there are strong links with a group of churches in Moldova whom we support in prayer, in finance and in manpower. We also support a missionary couple in Turkey. Several members have links with other overseas organisations including Open Doors, MAF and the BMS and there is a Prayer for Israel group which meets monthly.



Easter cards designed by Fantastic Friday Club members

Where are we going?

We believe God has called us to be a light on a hill, geographically but more importantly spiritually. We believe we will continue to have opportunities to minister to our community and to influence other communities. Barrowby is a large, established and growing village with mixed development of private and social housing underway, with the number of houses due to double within the next few years. To minister effectively we must continue to focus on our core values expressed in our statement of faith; seek to present Jesus in a variety of ways to those who do not yet know Him so as to bring them to faith in Him; encourage each member to deepen their knowledge of God, their relationship with Him and their commitment to His work. All this must be underpinned by prayer. Our guiding verses would be Jesus' statements in Matthew 22:37-40 and Matthew 28:18-20.

Who are we looking for?

We are seeking a man or woman who has a clear calling from God to lead a small church with an active outreach. They should:-

- Subscribe to our statement of faith.
- Seek to live, in the power of the Holy Spirit, a life which reflects their commitment to God and relationship with Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Have undergone believer's baptism.
- Demonstrate an ability to identify with different age groups.
- Have some experience, paid or voluntary, of ministry or training in ministry. They should be prepared to undertake further training if necessary.
- Be comfortable working with the current leadership structure.

What are we expecting them to do?

- Organise and lead the teaching programme on Sundays and oversee the teaching in house groups.
- Co-ordinate and provide pastoral care for the fellowship.
- Take responsibility for the youth and family work in the church.
- Take an active role in outreach activities.
- Develop and maintain friendships with other churches.