



Weekly Prayer Focus: 11th December 2022

Bethel Baptist Church, Swavesey

Swavesey is a pretty village about nine miles north west of Cambridge. The Prime Greenwich Meridian passes through the village. In fact it goes right through the middle of the church hall at Bethel Baptist Church which is known as the Meridian Hall.

This lively and community-driven church is led by Rev Bob Adams who has been in post since May. The Sunday congregation numbers about 60 including a lot of children and teenagers. There was rejoicing last month when two of the young people were baptised. The worship music team now meets weekly to practice and for others to learn and get involved.

Once a month there is café style church, and in the summer there was an outdoor woodland farm service. There is lots of imagination and creativity amongst the church fellowship so there is always lots of lively variety.

The church is located in the centre of the village and the extensive buildings are very well used for church and community activities. On Wednesdays there is 'Club Vintage' for older people with afternoon tea provided by outside caterers. On Thursdays there is the Compass Café, a community café run by different groups in the village including a church team. There are frequently cyclists who call in for a break on their rides out. And there is a successful Mums and Toddler group, and various housegroups too. There is no free day in the church weekly calendar but they are currently looking at the potential start-up of a youth club.

The church employs a part-time youth worker who is embedded into the local community and is also involved in leading assemblies in local schools. The church also works together with the local Anglican church on joint activities such as harvest, remembrance and Christmas carols in the village square.

For prayer:

- For wisdom in dealing with spiritual warfare and the challenges this brings.
- Giving thanks for all that God is doing in the life of the church.
- For the extensive range of church and community activities and all who lead them.
- That the church will become embedded within the community and bring the good news of Jesus to the village.