



Weekly Prayer Focus: 23rd November 2025

Shoeburyness & Thorpe Bay Baptist Church

Shoeburyness & Thorpe Bay Baptist Church in Southend on Sea is a lively and inclusive church. They seek to reach out to the community using their modern and spacious premises through a variety of activities, with independently run local organisations and church run groups.

Stay & Play is for pre-school children and their carers and Collective is a new group started in 2024 for children from Reception right through to Year 13 and focuses on learning new skills and faith. In addition, ad hoc events occur occasionally for the youth including sleepovers and attending Satellites, an annual youth camp.

Groups for Seniors include a Saturday Club with different weekly entertainment, an annual Holiday at Home event and First Wednesday, which is a monthly service followed by a light lunch.

The church is a distribution centre for Southend Foodbank and also operates Parish Nursing which seeks to provide whole person health care and support. As part of this they run weekly sessions called Singing for the Brain for those living with dementia & their carers, as well as monthly Carers Wellbeing sessions. In alignment with this is Renew Café which is a quiet shared space where it's OK not to be OK and in October 2025 they ran a course for those living with depression.

Launching soon will be a fundraising scheme, Friends of STBBC, looking to give extra support for any local community and Parish Nursing work done at the church.

Could you please pray:

For their minister Jo Hellenbrand and the church leadership as they currently take time to pause and reflect on what may happen next after the recent departure of their lead pastor.

And that the church continues to be encouraged and thrive as they celebrate new people entering the life of the church and give thanks for the eight baptisms they have had so far this year.