



## **Weekly Prayer Focus: 15th March 2026 Potter Street Baptist Church**

Potter Street Baptist Church is in Harlow, Essex, with council estates all around. Alison Taylor, their minister, has a passion for the community and is leading a vision to double the congregation over the next 10 years as part of God's vision whilst recognising that everyone equally has a part to play. Alison very much sees pastoring as being a constant presence to the church and community and is aided by a team of leaders and also by Sarah Mitchell who is their Children's, Youth and Family Worker and is a Minister in Training.

As part of their vision they have a full programme of activities for both church and community and have developed a very good relationship with the local community. Mind have just opened an old doctors' surgery opposite the church, and they are seeking to work in partnership to create a space between the two and serve the community together.

The church goes back historically to 1662, and its current building was in its current position in 1756. As outreach is a massive part of church life and this is a big anniversary year for the church an event is being planned to celebrate this 270-year achievement in early May. A summer outreach event is also planned for the children in the summer to coincide with the Commonwealth Games and Alison is currently writing an article for a local magazine which will aim to invite the community to church events over Easter.

The church would very much value prayer for:

- The community to discover a curiosity for Jesus that helps them discover all the church offers.
- For the collaboration between themselves and Mind to take shape and grow.
- For the young people who meet regularly to develop a faith of their own.
- The church gives thanks for all the volunteers who work so hard to keep all the diverse groups thriving.