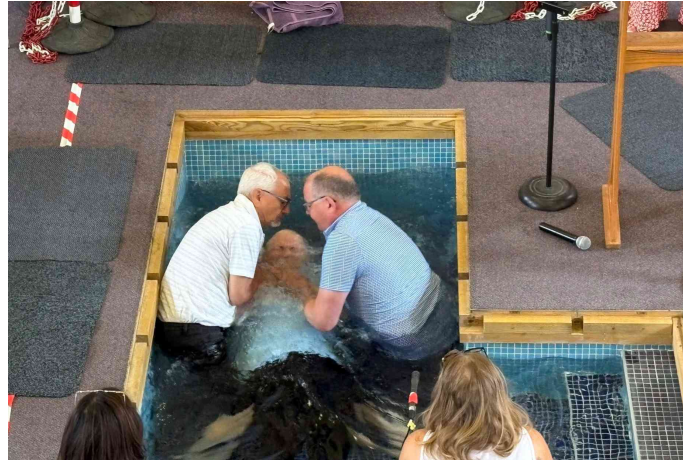




Weekly Prayer Focus: 13th September 2026 Dereham Baptist Church

Dereham Baptist Church is well placed in the centre of the small town of Dereham about 15 miles west of Norwich. Nigel Bayley, their pastor of 9 years adds, "The Church has a heart to impact the town for Jesus, seeking to move out of our walls and help people to experience and know Jesus." Dereham Baptist has 3 congregations, an English speaking one on Sunday, a Portuguese speaking one on Saturday evenings and a gathering for families in Toftwood that grew out of one of their two toddler groups. They also have small "Thrive" discipleship groups (3-5 people) and a few other small groups, including one for young adults and another for teenagers, which was launched after a group of youngsters returned from "Newday" wanting to study the Bible together.

The Church partners with 2 other Christian charities in "The Green Pastures Community Hub" which is a shop space in the town offering food, welcome and support and a Christian bookshop.

The Church has a strong sense that God is moving in their town, bringing people into the Hub and the Church. They recently had 8 baptisms with others journeying towards baptism.

Prayer points

- Give thanks that God is on the move. Ask for open hearts and minds to follow God's lead.
- Pray for young people and others studying the Bible together. May they grow as disciples and be encouraged to invite their friends. May God's protection and guidance be over those baptized.
- Through God's provision the Church has refurbished its back entrance; may God to show them how this space can be used in fresh ways.
- Pray for wisdom and resources in taking their youth work forward and for God to provide the right person to replace their office administrator who is retiring.