

# Welcome To Rothwell Baptist Church

A guide for visitors and newcomers



<https://rothwellbaptist.org.uk>

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## Our beliefs and vision

Affiliated with the Baptist Union of Great Britain, we are aligned to its statement of principal which is:

1. That our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, is the sole and absolute authority in all matters pertaining to faith and practice, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, and that each Church has liberty, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to interpret and administer His laws.
2. That Christian Baptism is the immersion in water into the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, of those who have professed repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ who 'died for our sins according to the Scriptures; was buried, and rose again the third day'.
3. That it is the duty of every disciple to bear personal witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to take part in the evangelisation of the world.

The Vision of Rothwell Baptist Church is to be a **welcoming, caring, all-age church, telling the good news about Jesus to our community and making disciples in our neighbourhood and beyond**

**Welcoming** – People often compliment us on how welcoming all our events are. We want to remember that this is a strength and never let it slip.

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in (Matthew 25:35)*

**Caring** – We are in contact with people in need, members who are ill and infirm, people of all ages with special needs and/or poor mental health. We want to care for and show the Love love of Jesus to anyone in our community who is suffering in some way..

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:34-35)*

**All Age** – Our members and those who attend the church range in age from the youngest children to many who are senior in years. Our worship and caring services are accessible to all these ages and not exclude anyone because of age.

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. (Matthew 19:14)*

**Telling the Good News** – We tell it every Sunday and in all our church-run events. We are true to what it says in the Bible and this truth is core to who we are and how we behave.

*'The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. (Luke 4:18-19)*

**Making Disciples** – This is the embodiment of the Great Commission; it also leads to the growth of the Church. We want to see disciples in our community growing in knowledge and faith, rather than focusing on increasing numbers of people attending church on Sunday mornings.

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’ (Matthew 19-20)*

# Our Activities

## Sunday Worship

Our regular main worship service takes place each Sunday at 11:00 AM (although occasionally this may vary so it's a good idea to check with the web site). The first part of the service is all-age and has content suitable to young and old. About halfway through the service, the children leave for separate "Children's Worship" which is content suitable for the various ages on the day.

Approximately every two months, we hold a family service which is suitable for all-ages all the way through.

Our services are also accessible using Zoom and we record each service and make the recordings available on-line to the members of our congregation.

Every month, we also offer an informal evening service followed by a "bring and share" tea.

## Weekly children’s and youth activities (during term time, check web site)

Day and Time	Activity
Tuesdays 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (Term Time)	First Steps Toddler Group
Alternate Wednesday evenings 5:30pm – 7:30pm (Term Time)	Youth groups: Followers – Followers is for young people in Y6 – Y9. At present, for children moving up from Friday Club. CREW - Crew is for young people in Y10-Y13, for young people moving up from Followers.
Fridays: 5:30pm – 7:00pm (Term Time)	Friday Club, a lively church group for primary aged children in Years 1 - 5
Sunday	Children’s worship, children’s activities during Sunday worship

## Thursday Bible and Prayer

At 1:00 PM on Thursday afternoon, some of us meet for a light lunch followed by a bible study (DVD based) and prayer.

## Our Leadership

Rothwell Baptist Church is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), registered with the Charities Commission number 1200033. The Church is led by its Deacons, elected by members. The Deacons are also Charity Trustees, legally responsible for the organisation.

### Richard Mann (Chairman)



Richard chairs meetings of the Deacons and church members. As a former IT professional, Richard also looks after Church IT and the web site. He also manages the Church building and is the Trustee responsible for data privacy and safeguarding.

## Pamela Elvin (Secretary and Treasurer)



Pam combines the roles of Church Secretary and Treasurer. As such Pam, has many responsibilities essential for the smooth running of The Church

## Roger Kirby



Roger is our Designated Person for Safeguarding. He also arranges Sunday Services and is a leader in our children's and youth work.

## Gillian Thornborough



Gillian is our deacon responsible for overseeing pastoral support for our community. She is a retired midwife and experienced in overseas missionary work

## Andy West



Andy is a Civil Engineer and advises on the maintenance and safety aspects of the building and its surrounds. He has also been a Governor at Rothwell Primary School where he had a similar role for a number of years.

## Helen Stockton



Helen is a retired primary school teacher with many years of experience. She was formally the Church Families Worker and now serves as a Deacon.

## Children's and Youth Ministry

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Oke is our Youth Worker. She is employed by Missional Generation which is the organisation that we partner with to serve the needs of young people.

## Serving Our Community

Marcus Bennett is our community outreach worker. His role is to help us fulfil our mission by sharing our faith with the community we serve.



## Safeguarding

The church recognises its responsibilities in safeguarding all children, young people and adults at risk, regardless of gender, ethnicity or ability.

The members of the church are committed to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all associated with the church and will pray for them regularly. In pursuit of this, they have agreed the safeguarding policy which can be viewed or downloaded using the link below. The church is committed to this policy and to the development of sound procedures to ensure it implements the policy well.

If anyone is considered to be in imminent danger of harm, a report should be made immediately to the police by calling 999. If such a report is made without reference to the Designated Person for Safeguarding, they should be informed as soon as possible afterwards.

The duty of the person who receives information or who has a concern about the welfare of a child, young person or adult at risk is to **RECOGNISE** the concerns, make a **RECORD** in writing and **RESPOND** by passing on their concerns to the Designated Person for Safeguarding.

The Designated Person for Safeguarding (DPS) for Rothwell Baptist Church is Roger Kirby and all safeguarding issues must be communicated using the number or email address below.



07562 719765 [roger@rothwellbaptist.org.uk](mailto:roger@rothwellbaptist.org.uk)

The Deputy Designated Person for Safeguarding (DPS) for Rothwell Baptist Church is Wendy Protheroe and in Roger's absence all safeguarding issues must be communicated using the number or email address below.



07973 340747 [wendy@rothwellbaptist.org.uk](mailto:wendy@rothwellbaptist.org.uk)

## Privacy Statement

Under Data Protection legislation the church Charity Trustees (Deacons) of Rothwell Baptist Church CIO (The Church) is the Data Controller and can be contacted by emailing [info@rothwellbaptist.org.uk](mailto:info@rothwellbaptist.org.uk)

Personal information is collected, stored and processed by The Church as part of its legitimate interests according to Data Protection Legislation.

It is the policy of The Church to store personal information either in paper form (in a locked filing cabinet in the church office), on computers secured by a password and on a secure on-line service provided by Microsoft and Hubb Church.

The Church is committed to the protection of your privacy and that of anyone we come into contact with. The Privacy statement explains for what purposes The Church holds personal data and how this data is processed and protected.

The full Privacy Statement can be viewed on the web site at <https://rothwellbaptist.org.uk/privacy>

If you would like us to keep in touch with you, please complete the contact form on the next page and either drop it into our letterbox or give it to one of the deacons.

## Contact Form

Title	
First Name	
Last Name	
Date of birth (optional but please include for under 18s)	
Gender (optional)	
Email address	
Address Line 1	
Address Line 2	
Town/City	
County	
Postcode	
Mobile Phone Number	
Home Phone Number	

### Consent questions (optional, please only tick items you are happy with.

<input type="checkbox"/>	I consent to The Church contacting me with updates and news of upcoming events.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I give consent for The Church to make video recordings of me participating in Church activities and distributing the recordings on DVD or on a secure online service.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I give consent for The Church to take still photographs of me for use in publicity material including the web site and social media.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I give consent for my email address to be added to the Church Google Group which is a system for collaboration and sharing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I give consent for my contact details to be made available to church members and the wider church congregation on the paper church directory.

Signature	
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