

Barnabas Community Church

Profile

Who We Are

Barnabas Community Church is a vibrant evangelical charismatic church in the heart of Shrewsbury.

Our church family includes people from a wide range of ages, backgrounds, and nationalities relating to one another as one man and woman in Christ.

We have 240 adult members, and have a Sunday congregation of over 300, of which around 80 are 14 or under. We have an established system of midweek groups, prayer meetings and community initiatives.



Vision

Our calling is to be *a community church for Shrewsbury, the region, and the nations – making, shaping, encouraging, and releasing disciples of Jesus.*

We want to put “Mission first” in all that we do. Our heart is that we bear witness to Christ in our generation and we light a fire here in Shrewsbury that the whole county can see.

We want to be a resource base for local evangelism, regional Church planting, and international mission, similar to the church in Antioch. We taught into this in 2024. <https://tinyurl.com/45b723p2>

Where We Meet

Our home is the **Barnabas Church Centre**, Longden Coleham, Shrewsbury (SY3 7DN), a former TA Drill Hall (Capacity 500) with ancillary rooms and buildings. This provides flexible space for Sunday gatherings, children’s work, midweek ministries, and community events.



It also serves as the operational base for Barnabas Community Projects, which run a range of community initiatives under the banner of “foodbank PLUS”.

These buildings have been paid for in full by the faithful giving of Church members since they were first bought in 1995.



Networks and Affiliations

We are members of the **Evangelical Alliance**, sharing in their vision to unite and represent evangelical Christians across the UK. We subscribe to their statement of faith.

We are also part of **Newfrontiers** — a worldwide network of Bible-believing, Spirit-filled churches that partner together in mission. Our sphere of Newfrontiers is called Christ Central.



Leadership & Governance

Barnabas Community Church is a registered UK charity and company limited by guarantee. Charity No. 1148096 | Company No. 08073794. There are 8 directors with a range of experience.

The church is overseen by a team of 5 elders and supported by staff and volunteer teams. Dave Matthias has been the team leader since 2019, having been a full time elder since 2008. This is Dave explaining how we view eldership <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EO4uUWEM6hc>

Our wider leadership team, which includes all departmental, team, group and ministry leaders is about 100 people. We have a staff team that includes a mix of full time and part time staff, that includes Operations Manager, Facilities Manager, Office Supervisor, Children's Worker, Outreach worker, Pastoral workers and a Designer as well as 3 elders who are full time, 0.6 and 0.4 FTE respectively.

Together, we ensure the church remains faithful to its biblical purpose and effectively serves our congregation and community.

Our Community Action: Barnabas Community Projects

The church's social action ministries are carried forward through **Barnabas Community Projects**, an independent charitable company founded by the church to serve the wider community of Shrewsbury through the foodbank PLUS initiatives. There are 4 staff members.

Its mission is *to change lives and enrich community* through several key projects.



Sundays at Barnabas

Our gatherings are informal, warm, and Christ-centred – combining sound biblical teaching with space for the Holy Spirit to work among us. We tend to teach a mixture of working through a book of the bible or using thematic series, but always wanting to use scripture in context. Our services are streamed on zoom and the teaching is available on youtube.

A typical Sunday includes sung worship, Bible teaching, prayer ministry, with age-appropriate groups for children and youth. There is also an unmanned crèche with a live video link for parents and carers.

We also have a popular youth ministry on Friday evening which serves Christian youth from across the area.



Exploring Faith

We regularly run Christianity Explored and other short courses like Hope Explored designed for those exploring faith or returning to church life. These are relaxed, welcoming settings where people can ask honest questions about Jesus and the Christian faith.

We have a varied programme of outreach events for the wider community to engage with the Church, including ones aimed at Children and families.

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MINISTRIES

In Summary

Barnabas Community Church is a welcoming, outward-looking church with a strong commitment to discipleship, community, and mission.

We love the Bible, we value the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, and we believe the local church is God's primary means of reaching and transforming communities.