
Church Profile



**SALISBURY ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH**



Salisbury Road Baptist Church is situated in the heart of Plymouth, Devon.

We are committed to creating a warm and loving community where individuals can grow in faith, serve others and feel part of the family of Christ.

Our mission is to share the teaching of Jesus Christ, support spiritual growth and have a positive impact on the local community.

Our membership numbers have remained stable over several years and we are fortunate to have a close-knit fellowship. Visitors often comment on the welcoming and family atmosphere.

Over the past few years, we have been blessed and encouraged by an increase in our congregation to between 40 and 50 people each week, 3 new church members and 4 baptisms.

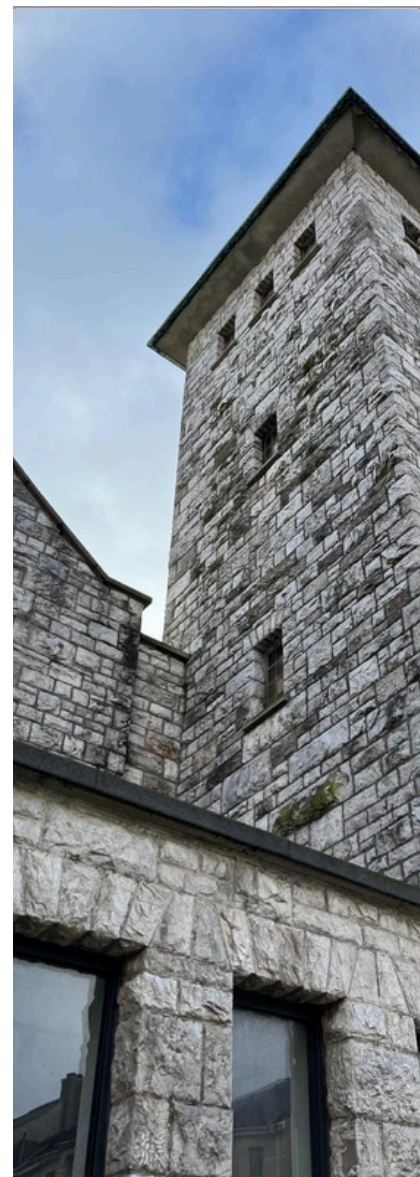
We are searching for a minister who will guide the church as we strive to live out our faith through worship, service and fellowship.

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We believe it's essential to come together as a church family to seek God's guidance for our church's future.

As a church family, we believe it's important that we collectively discern God's plan for the church. Therefore, we hold members meetings every two months

Our leadership team currently consists of 6 elected deacons who meet monthly to support the minister and oversee the life and work of the church.

Our membership currently stands at 50 ranging in age from 19 to 92 with an extended fellowship which is drawn from all around Plymouth. Whilst we have a broad range of ages within the Church and congregation, it is statistically weighted towards women and people over 60.

Over the last few years the congregation has become more diverse which is a reflection of the changing ethnic makeup of the city itself. Whatever the background of an individual, we look to be a warm and welcoming community.

Whilst there is a range of theological positions within the church, there is also an acceptance that this reflects the diversity of our church family. We are drawn together not because of our similarities as people, but because of the unity of our faith and our knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Our Sunday morning worship is led by the preacher. There is a mixture of contemporary music alongside traditional hymns accompanied by organ or piano and occasional use of you tube to appeal to a broad range of worshippers.

We have in the past used many different combinations of instrumentalists to accompany worship and would welcome the opportunity, and have the facilities, to do so again.

We run a Sunday children's group for children aged 3 and over. Although the number of children attending regularly is currently lower than in previous years, we remain committed to children's ministry and are looking for a minister who will support and encourage this vision.

After each Sunday service, we gather for tea and coffee creating an informal setting where we can share, support one another, and warmly welcome newcomers. This time together is important as it fosters a sense of community.

We currently hold an evening communion service on the first Sunday of each month and a Zoom prayer meeting on the second.

During the pandemic, we started streaming services via our Facebook page, and when we resumed our physical church service, we continued to stream part of the service for those who could not join us in person.

We are a church family that values the ebb and flow of the traditional Christian calendar and events. However, we recognize that the needs of our community and the ways we engage with the world are constantly evolving. In order to fulfil our mission, we must be open to exploring new opportunities and ideas that may allow more people to encounter God's love and grace.



The Church

Salisbury Road Baptist Church is fortunate to have a large premises. As well as the main sanctuary we have a church office, a number of meeting rooms, a large hall and a snooker room.

However, the building does require significant maintenance & financial resources. The position of the church, on a hill, also means some parts of the building are not accessible to all.

The church dates back to the beginning of the 1900's, however the main sanctuary was bombed during the Second World War and rebuilt in 1950's.

The sanctuary can seat approximately 400 people and houses an organ and grand piano as well as clavinova and a drum kit. A PA system is in place as is large screen and projector.

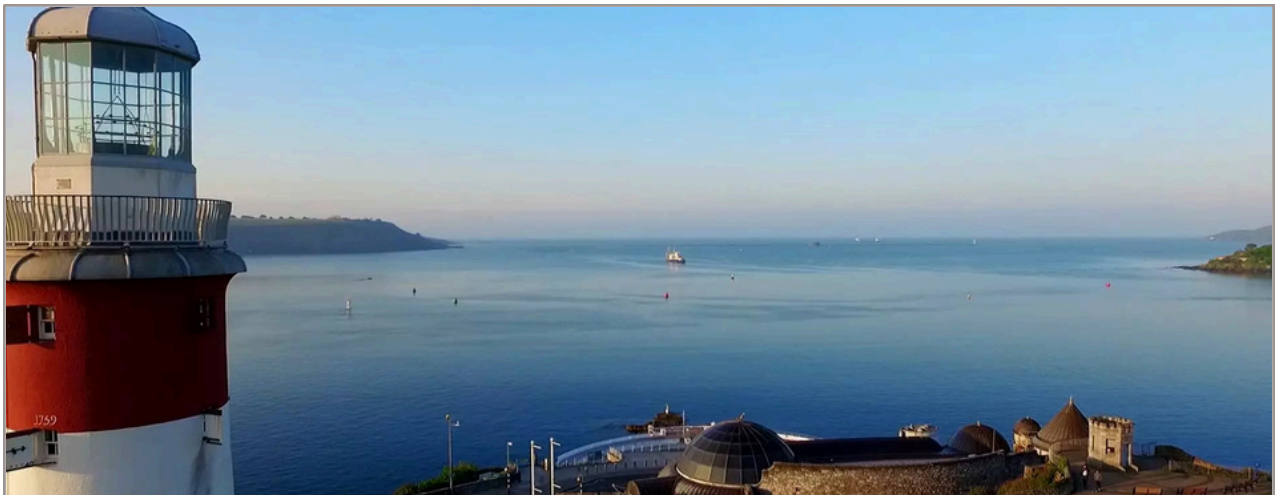
In the last few years, the church raised significant funds to modernise the entrance to the sanctuary to make the church look open and welcoming to the local community which included the installation of disabled facilities and a coffee bar which is used for various events during the week including as a Renew Wellbeing space.



Church Life

As a church, we strive to build and foster a sense of community and belonging for all those looking to join in fellowship with us. The church is used throughout the week for church groups and clubs such as Girls Brigade, Womens Meeting, house group and choir practice as well as having groups that meet on Zoom. We also host numerous social events throughout the year.

We are committed to outreach and building links with the local community. We make use of the church building to run weekly snooker and badminton groups, a monthly film club and a well-attended Parent and Toddler group. The Church café warmly welcomes many regular community members two days a week with a hot meal and friendly conversation. Additionally, we run a weekly Renew Wellbeing space that aims to provide mental and emotion support to people in the community. We also have a long-established relationship with two local care homes where we provide ministry on a regular basis. Our hope is that these activities are an opportunity for the community to see the love and hospitality that is present within the church.



Founded in 1907, Salisbury Road Baptist Church is a Bible-believing, family-orientated Church in the St. Jude's district of Plymouth.

The foundation stone for Salisbury Road Baptist Church was laid in 1905 as part of the Baptist Union Extension Movement. The site, located in the St Jude's area of Plymouth, was chosen because it was a densely populated residential area.

Over time, many of the properties in St Jude's have been converted into flats and houses in multiple occupation, changing the demographic of the area from mostly long-term family dwellings to a more transient population. There is also now a greater ethnic diversity, partly led by the establishment of a Muslim community centre in the area.

Plymouth is located in the Southwest corner of Devon, set between two estuaries with a natural harbour. The city has a rich maritime history, from the founding fathers setting sail for the Americas in 1620 to the development of Plymouth Dockyard, which played a pivotal role in the Second World War when much of the city centre was destroyed in the Blitz.

Plymouth has grown to be the largest city on the South Coast of England, with a population of approximately 264,700. Those living in the city not only benefit from access to a UK's first national marine park but also Dartmoor National Park, with over 368 sq. miles of rugged moorland and pristine rivers.

While the city has benefited economically from key industries such as marine and maritime, defence, and manufacturing, it also faces social challenges, with areas, including the area where the church is located, experiencing high levels of deprivation.

We are supporters of BMS and look to support other aspects of world mission

We are members of the South West Baptist Association and would encourage our minister to build links and find support through them and the local Baptist cluster which meets weekly. There are also opportunities through groups such as Christians Together to build further on our links with other churches and community groups.



Church Ministry



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Salisbury Baptist Church has experienced a turbulent time as it has come to terms with the unexpected loss of our minister who suddenly resigned from ministry. After the loss of the minister, the church has taken time to start healing and now feel ready to call a new minister as we seek to turn the page and start a new chapter of the church's story.

There is hope within the church community that we will find a minister who will bring wisdom and discernment to the role, who is a good communicator and seeks to lead people into a deeper and more meaningful understanding of their Christian faith through Bible-based teaching.

The Minister should share and help us to develop our core values;

Discipleship – Encourage people to build and strengthen their relationship with God through prayer, worship and Bible study.

Fellowship and Service – build a community of people who are sacrificial in their generosity and willing to give their time, money and convenience to care for one another within the church and wider community.

Outreach and Community – Engage with our community where people who come into contact with our church are introduced to Jesus and see Him at work within their lives.

Boldness and hunger - To be a people who rejoice in the knowledge of the saving grace of Jesus Christ and are committed to the mission of sharing Jesus's life-changing love.

We are looking for a minister who will encourage and challenge the whole church. Who will enable others to find and develop their God given gifts.



Practical Matters

- Full -time post available. But we are willing to consider part-time/flexible hours.
- Salary in line with the BU standard annual stipend plus £500.
- Expenses paid.
- Manse available; 4 bedrooms within a 5 minute walk of the church.
- We encourage engagement with Baptists Together CMD programme.

Thank you for reading!
