

Church Profile for Rosedale Community Church

Part of the Countess of Huntingdon Connexion



Introduction

We are a missional church in West Cheshunt with a desire to share Jesus with our town. Our mission statement is: “Rosedale Community Church, is a Christ centred community dedicated to impacting Cheshunt, our nation and beyond with the love of God in the power of the Holy Spirit.” Which we shorten to ‘Christ Centred Community’ so that everyone can remember it! We are an open evangelical congregation.

We are a member of the Countess of Huntingdon’s Connexion, which is a non-hierarchical collection of evangelical congregations. Please see the website at www.cofhconnexion.org.uk



Our Church at Present

We are a multi-cultural, multi-generational church where all individuals are valued and respected and gather to worship with our unity in Christ. We are a church of grace and hope, welcoming all who come and seeking to encourage each other in following Jesus and living in accordance with the scriptures.

Visitors to our Sunday service and the various groups during the week comment on the warm welcome they receive among us. It is known as a place of safety and friendship. We have a very good reputation in Broxbourne, with excellent relations with our local councillors, the other churches, nearby schools and our neighbours.

People

Regular attendees at the church number 85. Of the 85, over a third are aged under 18yrs. Another third are aged 65yrs+. Our average Sunday morning service attendance is 55. We do have quite a high proportion of adults and children with special needs.

Our leadership team currently comprises of one man and four women. Three of them are Trustees and we are registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

We employ a building manager for four hours week and a cleaner for two hours a week.

Community Outreach

During the week, the church building is in active use most days by community and church groups. Church ministry groups include:

- *Parent and Toddler Group* – each Monday during term time catering for up to 25 families per session.
- *Walks for Wellbeing* – each Tuesday morning, weather permitting.
- *Warm Welcome* – every Wednesday (except for the month of August).
- *Young at Heart* – senior’s group each Wednesday afternoon during term time.



Services

Our Sunday service attendance is approximately 55 each week. We offer a Sunday school each week and the two youth groups alternate in The Hut.

We have a worship band which leads once or twice a month and we also use Ising technology. A Bible centred message forms the main element of the service, with prayer and testimonies included.

Our regular prayer meetings include Sunday evening prayers on Zoom, a monthly Open Doors prayer meeting, and a monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast. There is also a weekly Bible discussion on Zoom. At different seasons we offer an Alpha course, Bible meditations and other discipleship and spiritual formation courses.

Overseas Mission

We regularly support mission organisations and partner with:

- Compassion UK
- Open Doors
- Sierra Leone Mission

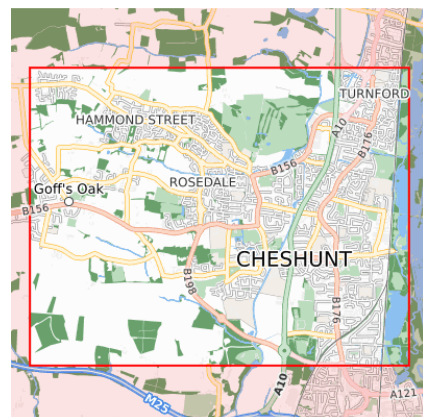
Buildings

The five bedroomed Manse is owned by the Connexion and leased to Rosedale for free. This is the home for our minister and family. Our meeting hall belongs to Broxbourne Borough Council and we have leased it for the past 30 years. We are responsible for maintaining both buildings.



Cheshunt

Rosedale is a residential estate on the west side of the A10 in Cheshunt. It is part of the urban sprawl north of London known as the Borough of Broxbourne. Cheshunt is a commuter town for London which is a short train journey away. Although distinctly urban, Cheshunt it is located alongside the Lee Valley park and the neighbouring Broxbourne woods are beautiful in all seasons. The local resources and amenities are excellent with every kind of club and leisure activities you could wish for.



Whilst a reasonably prosperous area, there is a lot of local need as evidenced by success of our Warm Welcome and the increased demand for the Food Bank and Food Pantry (which uses our building once a month). There are also hotels in our neighbourhood used to home asylum seeker families.

The Church We Wish To Be.

Over the past few years we have developed our calling to be a community church and are fulfilling the calling to share the love of Jesus with our neighbours. However, we wish to grow by:

- Becoming even more a Christ-centred church in our discipleship and mission.
- Embracing the power of God through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- Developing our skills and service to one another and raising new leaders within the congregation who can minister and equip the believers.

The Minister We Are Seeking

It is essential that our pastor has and maintains a dedicated and close relationship with God and take seriously their walk of faith. We believe that the following characteristics will align with our values and ministry.

- A warm, relational pastor who loves well and has a heart for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.
- An enabler who can train, develop and encourage leaders from within the congregation.
- Appreciative and supportive of the children's and youth work and able to help encourage the teenagers to grow in their faith and serve the Lord.
- A leader who can bring vision and inspire the church body to run with it.
- An excellent communicator who can lead, preach and teach.



Practical Concerns

The appointment will be made in line with the Connexion guidelines and includes the approval of the Connexion Trustees. Our minister will need to sign their belief and agreement to the statement of faith which can be found here: www.cofhconnexion.org.uk/about-us. As such the minister will become a Connexion pastor, although any current affiliation with another denomination is accepted and welcomed.

The position is for 37.5 hrs per week. A five bedroom manse plus benefits is provided with the position.

