



BOOKHAM
BAPTIST CHURCH



Church Profile

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Our Vision & Values

The church we are called to be



Vision Statement

Bookham Baptist Church is called to grow fruitful followers of Jesus through the planting and tending of worshipping, discipling & missional communities.

Our Values

Seeking God and working things out
Growing Christ-like together
Collaborating in God's mission
Enabling service and leadership



This Year

At the beginning of our Church Year (October 2023), we had a strong sense that our single priority for the year would be **helping people find faith**. We began with a 12 hour time of prayer to seek God's face together. Our longing for others to know Him remains our focus but we have also found our own faith deepened and refined in this season.

About Us

We are a community of Christians from the local area of Bookham, Effingham, Fetcham, Leatherhead and beyond. Our church family seeks to be inclusive and caters for all ages and stages of life. We believe God has called us to grow fruitful followers of Jesus and seek to do this by gathering together for weekly communal worship on Sundays and in small groups in homes during the week. We engage in God's mission beyond the gathered church in various ways, both locally and internationally.



The People

Our church family caters for all ages and stages of life, from 0-100+. We have 166 members and 204 other regular attendees. 60% are female.

But far more than facts and figures, we are a people committed to partnering with God to see His kingdom established in the earth and to loving one another 'deeply, from the heart' (1 Peter 1:22). Here you will find people

from all walks of life and reflective of our local community coming together around the common table of Jesus Christ and all are welcome here.

Our Leadership Team comprises of two Ministers and four lay people. We have a strong emphasis on the 'priesthood of all believers' and encourage all of our members and regulars to seek God for themselves and 'do the work of the ministry'. We also have an office team and various other teams including pastoral care and international mission.





The Sunday Services

10:30am

Our Sunday morning service is a gathering of all ages, vibrant and contemporary in its worship, with room for celebration and reflection. The service is around an hour and a half with the first 15 minutes enjoyed together as a family before our young people are invited to join one of our age-appropriate groups. Under the direction of a worship leader and musicians, we sing songs and contemporary hymns. Prayers and stories from our local community are heard along with readings from the Bible and a talk to explain how our faith can bring hope to our daily lives.

the6ix

the6ix was established with the aim of providing a space for all to connect with God & with each other, drawing in people from across the generations. This congregation gathers each Sunday at 6pm for hot drinks and cake. The service begins at 6.15pm. the6ix gatherings are relaxed and informal, lasting just over an hour and encouraging participation from those who attend. There are songs, prayers, and readings from the Bible. The6ix enjoy the creative and experimental, with a variety of worship and teaching styles being embraced.

3pm

The 3pm is a monthly service aimed at our older members and those we meet through Golden Years and the Meeting Place. The service is deliberately short, simple, and uses music which will be familiar to an older generation. We seek for this to be a creative and welcoming environment for those who are exploring faith, as well as mature believers. The service is followed by fellowship over tea & cake.

Church Life Midweek

Small Groups

At Bookham Baptist we are as committed to small group life as to congregational meetings, understanding that the two settings resource very different aspects of church life. In congregations we worship, pray, receive teaching, are envisioned and can provide fun learning spaces for our children and youth.

We have around 200 people meeting in 29 small groups. We meet in homes in the evenings or during the day weekly to pray together, socialise, care for each

other, work out how to live God's word, encourage one another in our daily lives and use our gifts to minister to each other. People are welcome and encouraged to join a group whether they are a member of the church or not.



People in a Small Group

The groups are mostly led by two 'Small Group Leaders' who relate to a 'Small Group Mentor' and all the groups are overseen and resourced by the 'Small Group Resource Team'.

"Seeking God and working things out..."



Thursday Communion

On Thursday mornings, we have a reflective service from 10am where we share bread and wine and have a time of guided prayers and quiet space to reflect on God's impact in our week. This service is done in partnership with Eastwick Road Church, the local United Reform Church, and has just recently started alternating locations between our building and theirs.

BBC Youth

We have loads going on for 11-18's! At BBC Youth we live by the phrase #livedifferent. We're passionate about trying to live Jesus-shaped lives wherever we are & whatever we're doing. Below are some of the things we get up to with our youth.



The Hub on Mondays

The Hub is for year 11 upwards & meets on a Monday evening as a small group. If you want to go a bit deeper & wider in the adventure of life with Jesus then this is the group for you. A great, safe space in which to worship, pray, learn & be honest with each other ... while enjoying hot chocolate & cake!

Sunday Mornings

Sundays at BBC Youth is a great opportunity to grow in our understanding of what it means to #livedifferent. We take time to go deeper into the Bible, pray for each other & think about how we can #livedifferent during the coming week & generally have an amazing time together!

Friday Nights

We meet most Friday evenings during term time 7.30-9pm at Bookham Baptist Church. We have an awesome time together with crazy games, pamper area, chill-out zone and some time to think about how Jesus can change us & challenge us. Once a month we gather with other local youth groups for a Next Level night. We have a social evening most months when our youth enjoy a range of activities, from inflatable assault courses and silent discos to quiz nights and laser quest games.

Satellites Festival

We also take our youth along to the Satellites Festival every summer. It's a five-day gathering, designed to inspire teenagers to live with God at the centre of their lives for the other 360 days of the year.

"Growing Christ-like together..."

Children's Centre & Children



Bookham Baptist Children's Centre



For many years now, we have run a Children's Centre for our local community. We employ a Manager and a Family Support Worker and offer caring and professional support to families in our community through a number of ways, including:

- one-to-one support either at the Centre or out in the community
- regular children and parent groups throughout the week, including some groups specifically for families with children who have additional needs
- seasonal activities, such as a programme during the summer holidays
- parenting courses focused on early years and all the way up to teenage years
- Signposting to practical and specialised support

Children on Sundays

Historically, we've had a large and active children's ministry but since Covid, we've had much fewer children. Currently, we have Sunday provision from toddler to end of primary age and this is led by a team of volunteers. The children's team are actively working with the Children's Centre Coordinator to integrate our Children's Centre families into the life of the church. At present, this is mainly through seasonal activities.



"Collaborating in God's mission..."

Local Mission & Social Justice

We are a church who are passionate about partnering with God to see His kingdom come in our community. Here are just some of the ways we do this.



Golden Years

This is a collaborative partnership between Bookham Baptist Church and Eastwick Road Church aimed at reaching out to our older community in the area.

The gatherings happen each week, alternating between the two churches. People enjoy tea, cake, chat and a range of activities, games and crafts and also a short presentation.

As well as providing a space to foster friendship and connection, it's a wonderful opportunity to tell the good news about Jesus as these gatherings are attended by both Christians and non-Christians.



Community Space & Community Fridge

Last year, we started hosting a **Community Space** in the Lounge room, just off the Sanctuary of the church. This happens at the same time as the **Community Fridge**, so after people have chosen their food, they can stop in for a warm cuppa and a chat. We have found that several people in this space are open to the gospel and we are excited to see what the Lord is doing.

Other Initiatives

We also work in partnership with or actively support the following:

- CAP (Christians Against Poverty)
- Bookham Youth Project
- The Meeting Place
- Foodbank

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Wider Connections



South Eastern Baptist Association

The church is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the South Eastern Baptist Association. SEBA is a network of Baptist Churches across the region and provides training and support when we require it. We offer mutual support both financially and relationally within the network.

Ecumenical (Local)

Churches Together in Bookham and our Ecumenical Fraternal are a beautiful display of the Church working together in unity. We work closely with St Nicolas CofE Church and Eastwick Road URC to share the gospel and to care for those in our community. We often have joint seasonal activities as well as shared local mission projects for example: Bookham Youth Project and Golden Years.

Local clergy and church workers from Bookham, Fetcham and Effingham meet monthly for lunch, prayer and fellowship. We are blessed to see how these relationships and partnerships have grown in recent years and believe it strengthens our collective witness as well as our individual congregations.

International Missions

We have a number of different international mission partners in countries such as Brazil, Lebanon and Slovenia. We take a partnership approach, placing a high value on personal relationship so we keep in regular contact and periodically send teams to go and visit, encourage and resource. We also host our mission partners here at home and occasionally they preach to us via video.

Below is one of our mission partners - The Medeiros Family in Brazil.



The Building

The original buildings of Bookham Baptist Church consisted of a Sanctuary and a separate hall built in the 1920s. In 2000 a new building was raised between the original two buildings creating more usable space including offices and meeting rooms.



The Local Area

Great Bookham is a village in the Mole Valley district, in Surrey, England, one of six semi-urban spring line settlements between the towns of Leatherhead and Guildford. With the narrow strip parish of Little Bookham, it forms part of the Saxon settlement of Bocham ("the village by the beeches").

The Bookhams are surrounded by common land, and Bookham railway station in Church Road, Great Bookham, serves both settlements.

On the southern edge of the village is Polesden Lacey, a country house surrounded by more than 1,000 acres (4.0 km²) of grounds. It is owned by the National Trust and open to the public.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Bookham

