



St. Peter's Baptist Church: Who We Are

St. Peter's is a relatively large, vibrant, Baptist Church in the area of St. Peter's on the outskirts of Worcester. It is a church with a big heart and a dedicated staff team, including 2 Ministerial staff. The church centre is a hub for the community, runs a coffee shop, and hosts various groups from within the church and wider community.

The brief history of the church is that it started life as a plant from Worcester Baptist Church, becoming Red Hill in the 80's and moved to its present site at the heart of the community of St. Peter's in May 2007. We have an average Sunday attendance of 230 worshippers.

Spiritually, the church is very definitely evangelical, supportive of both local and international mission, supporting a good number of mission partners at home and overseas. We are keen to see more people of all ages come to faith, we connect with a large fringe of people, not least through centre user groups and the ministry of the coffee shop. St. Peter's is contemporary and gently charismatic in terms of its worship style and openness to the Holy Spirit. It is a caring church and its pastoral ministry has made significant progress under the leadership of the Minister who oversees pastoral work. It has a wide-ranging number of communities (home groups) across the city.

It has an exciting and innovative youth and children's ministry, well served by a creative, dedicated team. Our Creche group for under fives meets every Sunday and is well provided with a growing number of new additions, courtesy of our busy young parents. There may be as many as twenty children in this group at any one time. Sunday Youth caters for between twelve and fifteen young people between the ages of ten and fifteen years and is where we unpack Biblical truth in fun and creative ways.. Sunday children is a lively group built around a Bible story each week and is regularly attended by fifteen children. Tuesday evenings, during term time, is when our Clay Youth group meets. Here, church youth are encouraged to bring their friends along to a shared meal followed by informal talks/debates on Christian ideals. Wednesday evenings offer an opportunity for our fifteen to eighteen year olds to explore their faith in our Deeper youth group. Of the 16 baptisms, performed within the last year, nine were youth baptisms.

We also have good relationships with schools and in ecumenical partnership with other local churches.

Over the last two years we have adopted an Acts 1:8 vision, with the aim of embracing some new values which, we believe, will take the church forward. It is an exciting season to be involved in ministry and leadership here, as we seek to "call the faithful city back to the faithful God." In a nutshell, there is much to be done, much that is challenging, but a very real opportunity for the right person to make their mark in taking St. Peter's forward.



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