



## Weekly Prayer Focus: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Social Justice: Deafness

Psalm 47:1 is an amazing Bible verse as it commands us to clap our hands and shout to God with cries of joy. Being deaf it is important to watch movements, to know where to sing or sit down. The EBA Justice Hub has identified 'Deafness and Church' to be a big issue with an aging population, so it is important to welcome and open up about deafness.

Ben Plant from Framlingham Community Baptist Church is part of the EBA Justice Hub and is working with a deaf Baptist Minister about an area of 'Deafness and Church' that is wide open in Norfolk. Everywhere has some sort of deaf provision, but unfortunately deaf people have to travel to witness a sermon, sign songs of praise and converse with other Christians. And being deaf, can create isolation from church because they want interaction and fellowship. As a Justice Hub they feel it is important to pay particular attention to these areas where there is a gap, or not a lot of provision, and to just see how they can fill it.

What gaps are there in your church in regards to justice issues? How could you fill that gap? The Justice Hub would encourage you to take a step of faith and just go for it. Listening to God is easy, but doing as He says can be hard, but that is what faith is. Take a step of faith in regards to deaf provision. Ben is always happy to chat and provide advice.

Prayer points:

- Pray for those who are deaf or hard of hearing in your community and the provision there is available.
- Pray for the EBA Justice Hub as they discern and work with churches wanting to provide for areas of justice, in areas of disability, race, gender and poverty.
- Ask God how you can take a step of faith in provisions for those with disabilities.