



Weekly Prayer Focus: 18th February 2024

Blackmore Baptist Church

Blackmore is a very picturesque Essex village a few miles north of Brentwood centred around a village green and duck pond. Blackmore Baptist Church is a long-established church which has been led for the past eleven years by Pastor Max Carter.

Since Covid the Sunday congregation has more than doubled in size. Most of the new people travel from outside the immediate area and are drawn to the Bible-based Gospel preaching and teaching which is led by Pastor Max most weeks. The church has young children and several teens in the congregation. There's a good mix of ages and a variety of nationalities -- including Spanish, Brazilian, Romanian and Lithuanian -- in the congregation. The building was full with over seventy people at the Christmas Carol service.

Once a month on Sundays, there is a church lunch after the morning service. This is followed by a time of evangelism with a small team going out into the village to bring the Gospel to the local residents. The Sunday morning services often includes 'Science Slots' with a teaching emphasis on Creationism. A sharing time is always included and the prayer time covers requests for healing.

The church has a programme of weekday activities that includes prayer and Bible study, short-mat bowls, monthly flower arranging, and a monthly Saturday Praise and Worship evening meeting.

Behind the chapel there is an older building which provides a resource for the village as a community facility. The building is called 'Pennies' as it was built as the village school in 1830 when children were charged a penny a week for their education! The church also has a garden with several large raised-bed vegetable plots to teach and encourage the congregation to grow their own food.

Prayer requests:

- That the church will faithfully continue to remain Bible based, faithful in prayer and to share the Gospel to the village.
- For the church and the leadership team as it looks to God's leading, His wisdom and guidance for the future.



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