



Weekly Prayer Focus: 31st March 2024 Bildeston Baptist Church

The village of Bildeston is a rural community in central Suffolk and Bildeston Baptist Church has been at the centre of village life since 1737 -- the first Baptist Church in Suffolk! The current building has been used to worship God since 1844.

This small church has an enthusiastic and caring congregation and continues without a pastor but has a leadership team of six and much reliance on God's leading.

There are Sunday morning services each week followed by refreshments or sometimes a shared meal together which provides a good time for socialising and an opportunity to pray for one another. The church has several regular visiting speakers who come to preach. Otherwise the services are led by one of the team.

Motley Crew is a weekly evening Bible study and lively discussion group.

A monthly lunch club is enjoyed by many people in the village and surrounding area. One lady commented "I don't really mind what meal is served, it's a chance to meet with other people and have someone to talk to." In addition, an Afternoon Tea is also held during August.

The community café continues each Friday morning and is extremely popular with parents and their young children using the main church for toys on one side and tables on the other so parents can keep an eye on their offspring while they have refreshments. Older people sit in the church hall so they can chat in peace. During the past year sound proofing panels have been fitted to the ceiling to decrease the echo so the hard of hearing can enjoy their conversations.

Strollers and Striders (pictured) is a weekly walking group with a popular stop for coffee either half way round or at the end of the walk. It provides good exercise and an opportunity to enjoy chats and laughter!

Bildeston Baptist Church is a small but active congregation with lots happening.

Please pray:

- For a breakthrough with those attending activities, and they will find a personal faith in Jesus and become part of the church.
- For all the faithful and dedicated leaders and helpers and their valued work in the church.
- For guidance and wisdom for the ongoing and future ministry and mission of the church in the village.