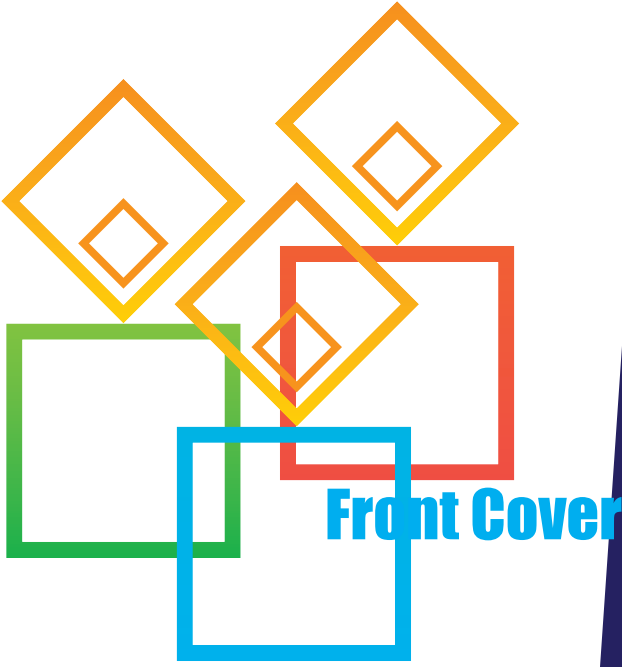


Welcome



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Romford
Baptist Church



The Church Logo

The main theme of the logo is that we are to be Salt and Light in the world; the explanation of the elements is given below:

RBC logo

- The image is of three candles, grouped together, of differing colours (green, blue and red).
- The candles indicate light
- The squares represent salt (salt crystals are square)
- The group of candles, interlocked together, shows that we are a community of God's people

The different colours demonstrate that we welcome people from all cultures and backgrounds.

Welcome



A warm, sincere and heartfelt welcome awaits you at Romford Baptist Church!

It's always difficult to know how to start a brochure outlining information about who we are and what we believe but we hope the following information is useful to you.

As a member and minister of this church, I am always encouraged by the number of people involved in the various activities which take place during any week. These activities aim to reach a wide and diverse audience to match our congregation.

With this brochure I hope to give you some indication of what we do, what we stand for, where we came from and where we hope to go! This church is alive and as soon as this brochure has been printed it will be dated, but not out of date, because the flavour of this church will still be here. We hope you find this useful.

If after you have read this you have any questions or want to meet someone to find out more, please do contact us either using the form or by the contact information on the back cover.

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Rev Ian Bunce
Team Leader

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AN INCLUSIVE CHURCH

👍 committed to being a church where all can fully belong & take part

A GOSPEL-LIVING CHURCH

👍 committed to living out our faith in our daily lives

A PROPHETIC CHURCH

👍 committed to challenging injustice within & beyond our church

A WORSHIPPING CHURCH

👍 committed to glorifying God with our whole being

A SERVING CHURCH


👍 committed to caring for all in Jesus' name

About us

 www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/aboutus

We are a dynamic church made up of people from all walks of life, ages and different nations. We love to see new people and are confident that you will feel right at home. Our Sunday mornings begin with a warm welcome and an invitation to join us in celebrating the good news about Jesus Christ. Our worship is vibrant and lively as we lift up His name together. We expect God to meet with us and speak to us.

We have been very active in our local community since this church was planted in 1934, working alongside other agencies and running our own projects in order to express the love of God in a practical way.

The final authority in the church under God lies with the church meeting. Church members, that is those who have covenanted to join and play a part in the life of the church, meet some 5 times a year to discern together the will of Christ for the church.  romfordbaptist.org.uk/membership

As a church we aspire to be:

1. A praying church

- committed to hearing from God

2. A disciple-making church

- committed to growing in our faith

3. A proclaiming church

- committed to talking about Jesus

4. A giving church

- committed to sharing what we have been blessed with

5. An inclusive church

- committed to being a church where all can fully belong and take part

6. A gospel-living church

- committed to living out our faith in our daily lives

7. A prophetic church

- committed to challenging injustice within and beyond our church

8. A worshipping church

- committed to glorifying God with our whole being

9. A serving church

- committed to caring for all in Jesus' name

As a church we have connections in the local community, with the Eastern Baptist Association (easternbaptist.org.uk), the Evangelical Alliance (eauk.org) and, of course, the Baptist Union of Great Britain (baptist.org.uk).



Staff & Leadership

 www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/staffandleadership

At Romford Baptist Church we have a team of ministers who lead and pastor our congregation and a team of elected men and women who support them in this work.

The church also has many volunteers who have chosen to serve in various aspects of church life. In our community there is always space for one more.

Sunday Worship

 www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/sundayservices

The church meets every Sunday at 10:30am for our Morning Service and at 6:30pm for our Evening Service. You can expect to be warmly welcomed, experience great worship, hear a thought-provoking message and meet a friendly bunch of people gathering to learn more about God. After the main meeting finishes there are opportunities for prayer and a chat over a free tea or coffee and biscuits.

We have a fantastic programme for the children, for ages 0–12, and a fully engaging youth programme. Children and youth stay with their grown-ups at the start of the morning service as we worship (sing songs!) together. The speaker will make it clear when and where children need to go for their programmes. You will need to go with your children and register them on the first occasion. The children will have great fun playing games and learning about God in a way tailored to their age group.

At Romford Baptist Church we welcome every child and want them to be a part of all aspects of our church life. We take the well-being of every child to be of primary importance. We therefore ask that parents and carers

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advise us of any particular needs their child may have, including behavioural issues, allergies and medical conditions. We seek to support every child to engage fully in our activities.

If you have any questions about our Sunday Services or need to get in touch with us about any other query, the leadership and ministers will be happy to help.

Please come and join us!

Pastoral Care & Prayer Ministry

As with all evangelical Christian churches, we consider prayer to be of the utmost importance. We offer as much opportunity for corporate prayer as possible on various days in the week when a space is set aside in the church for this.

Members are encouraged to seek God's will for their lives, in private prayer, and to share concerns or answers to prayer, where appropriate.

If you would like someone to pray with you, there will be an opportunity after each service; you can also contact the church office for someone to pray with you.

The church offers pastoral care and prayer ministry. This is done both through our Small Groups and also by our pastoral care team. After every service there is a designated place where you can receive prayer and there are members of the prayer ministry team willing to pray with you. For other pastoral issues or if you want to talk about matters of faith, please do contact the minister through the church office.



Small Groups

 www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/smallgroups

Small Groups are exactly that, a smallish group (6–12) of people from the church who want to grow as Christians. These groups usually meet in church members' homes fortnightly to share food, pray, discuss the Bible and develop friendships.

There are over a dozen such groups that meet, usually in the evening, although there are also some groups that meet during the day.

If you are interested in finding out more about Small Groups or would like to join one, please speak to a member of the leadership team.

 www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/staffandleadership

Missionaries

 www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/missionaries

We support various missionaries and mission organisations; they are either supported through BMS World Missions or by us directly. There is always excitement and anticipation when we hear that one of our missionaries is coming to visit, to take a part or all of a service. After the service, over a cup of tea or coffee, there is always time to catch up with these folk. The witness which they bring is an encouragement to us all, and it has inspired some of our congregation to go into the mission field themselves.



Youth

 www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/youth

The youth of the church meet on a weekday evening and it is a place where the young people can relax and enjoy each other's company. Most weeks there is an activity organised which they can join in with if they wish. We often go out on trips and during the summer term spend much of our time in the local parks and doing outdoor pursuits.

We aim to “provide a fun and safe environment where young people can grow and develop relationships with their peers, adults and God”. All young people are welcome to come and bring friends with them.

Year groups 6 -13 have their own groups during the normal Sunday morning services. They leave the main service when the children do, to study the Bible together in fun and interactive ways, with the exception of our all-age services when the church stay together for worship.

Children

 www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/children

We also have a group for children (Reception to Year 6), meeting one evening in the church hall. For latest details see the website.

The activities the children enjoy include trips, family events, craft, games, competitions, camping and opportunities to learn about Jesus and the Bible in a fun way.

Year groups R to 7 have their own groups during the normal Sunday morning services, to study the Bible together in fun and interactive ways,



with the exception of our all-age services when the church stay together for worship.

There is a crèche facility available for the very youngest where they will be looked after for you, however they are welcome to remain in the service.

Parent & Toddlers

 www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/p&t

We have Parent and Toddlers groups which meet in the church hall. Sessions are for all pre-school children, accompanied by a parent or carer. The children can play, be creative, socialise and generally have fun, under your watchful eye, while you enjoy a coffee or tea and chat to friends old and new.

The ages of the children can be from just a few weeks right up to when they start school. If you are interested in coming along with your child (or children), we suggest that you come along to one of the sessions, stay as our guest for that day and, if you decide you would like to come regularly, give your details to the leaders.

Safeguarding

 www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/safeguarding

We have a full safeguarding policy for both children and vulnerable adults, please see link above or enquire through the church office. All our leaders are DBS checked and have undergone training for safe practices. If at any time you have any concerns, please do contact any of the leadership team.



Other Activities

www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/whatson

www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/calendar/month.aspx

We have a very full week of activities with something for everybody who would like to be involved.

- During the football season we have a church football team, the “Romford Dynamos FC”, which plays in a church league in the area.
- “Focus” is there to provide activities for ladies.
- “Inspirations” is a craft group which meets about four times a year to learn new techniques in making cards and to socialise.
- “Stitch-in-time” is a knitting and needlecraft group which meets weekly to share ideas, create items for various projects and to share fellowship.
- There are also a variety of other groups such as: Drop-in for drinks and light refreshments Mondays and Men’s Group.

At Romford Baptist Church we like social events and these happen either on a yearly basis, such as the annual church picnic in Raphael Park, or the quarterly fellowship meal or ad hoc social events such as a barn dance or quiz. These events are always enthusiastically well-attended.

It has been the aim of this church to have away days or weekends away as a fellowship to learn, be taught and to get to know each other better.



Celebrations

As a church, we love to celebrate with people and we celebrate life in all its fullness at Romford.

Dedications

As a Baptist church, we do not baptise or christen babies but rather we acknowledge that babies are a gift from our Lord. We dedicate ourselves to support parents to nurture the child and help them teach their children about Jesus, that they too may become Christians.

Baptisms

Once someone has become a Christian by accepting the Gospel message themselves, we encourage them to be baptised by full immersion. We celebrate believer's baptism, when the person of whatever age has made the firm decision to follow Jesus themselves and they feel convicted to be baptised. As most Baptist churches, we have a baptismal pool on the platform at the front, see if you can find it.

Weddings

Weddings are always a source of great celebration. It is always a wonderful moment when a man and a woman, with God's help, are joined in holy marriage. In recent years we have also had renewing of vows celebrations. How wonderful it is to know and acknowledge people whose marriage has lasted. Some members feel that they do not need to nor want to renew their wedding vows, however we still celebrate that their marriage has lasted.

Funerals

Death and funerals are an inevitable part of life at Romford Baptist Church. Some celebrations are sad but, by recognising the memories of what life has offered every person, we celebrate the life of the departed. We also try to help and support those who remain behind.

If you want to enquire about any of these celebrations, feel free to contact the Minister (Team Leader) through the church office, who will be happy to explore the possibilities with you.

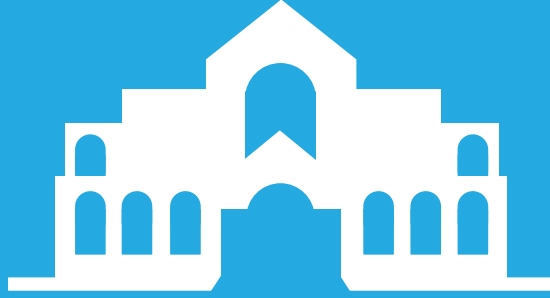


Parkside

www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/parkside

“Parkside” is our care home for the elderly, and was opened in October 1971 as part of the life of Romford Baptist Church, to express the Christian faith in practical ways. It was one of our previous Ministers, Rev Norman Wright, who had the vision for this work and the church soon caught the vision. Many of the staff are committed Christians and are active in this church or other local churches. Parkside has regular acts of Christian worship and every effort is made to create a Christian Community within the home.





Buildings

 www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/propcoord

At Romford Baptist Church we have a suite of rooms which are used for various church and community purposes. As well as the Worship Area, we have the Foyer, various smaller rooms, the Willow Hall and, in a separate building, the Youth Lounge.

Our buildings are used in many ways from the Blood Transfusion Service to a Polling Station; we have hosted conferences such as the Eastern Baptist Association Annual Assembly and a number of concerts.

There is limited parking available on the site next to/behind the church for church users. On Sunday there is free parking at ASDA, next to/behind the church, and on a municipal parking ground, in front of the Town Hall, diagonally opposite the front of the church.

If you would like to enquire about the using the buildings for an event, please contact the Property & Facilities Officer.

A Typical Week

 www.romfordbaptist.org.uk

 www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/aweek

 www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/calendar/month.aspx

A typical week does not exist at Romford Baptist Church, as there is something different happening most weeks. We do have regular activities dotted around our special events. Visiting our website is the best way to discover what we do, and when and where it is happening.

Join us

If you are new to the church or have been coming for many years you are welcome. All our activities are open to members and non-members alike. Please do feel free to join us. If you feel lead to formally join the church as a member, please do speak with one of the ministers or email the church office at office@romfordbaptist.org.uk.

Thank you

Thank you for your interest in Romford Baptist Church. If there is anything that you still have questions about, please feel free to ask any of the leaders or enquire through the church office. We would love to get to know you.

Contact us

 www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/contactus

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this form or the one online. It is important to us that we are able to help you.

Once you have completed this form, you can put it in the collection bag, hand it in at the Welcome Desk or give it to the steward at the door or to the preacher.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Contact Telephone No.: _____

Email: _____

I would like to know more about:

Any other questions or comments, if you have them.



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