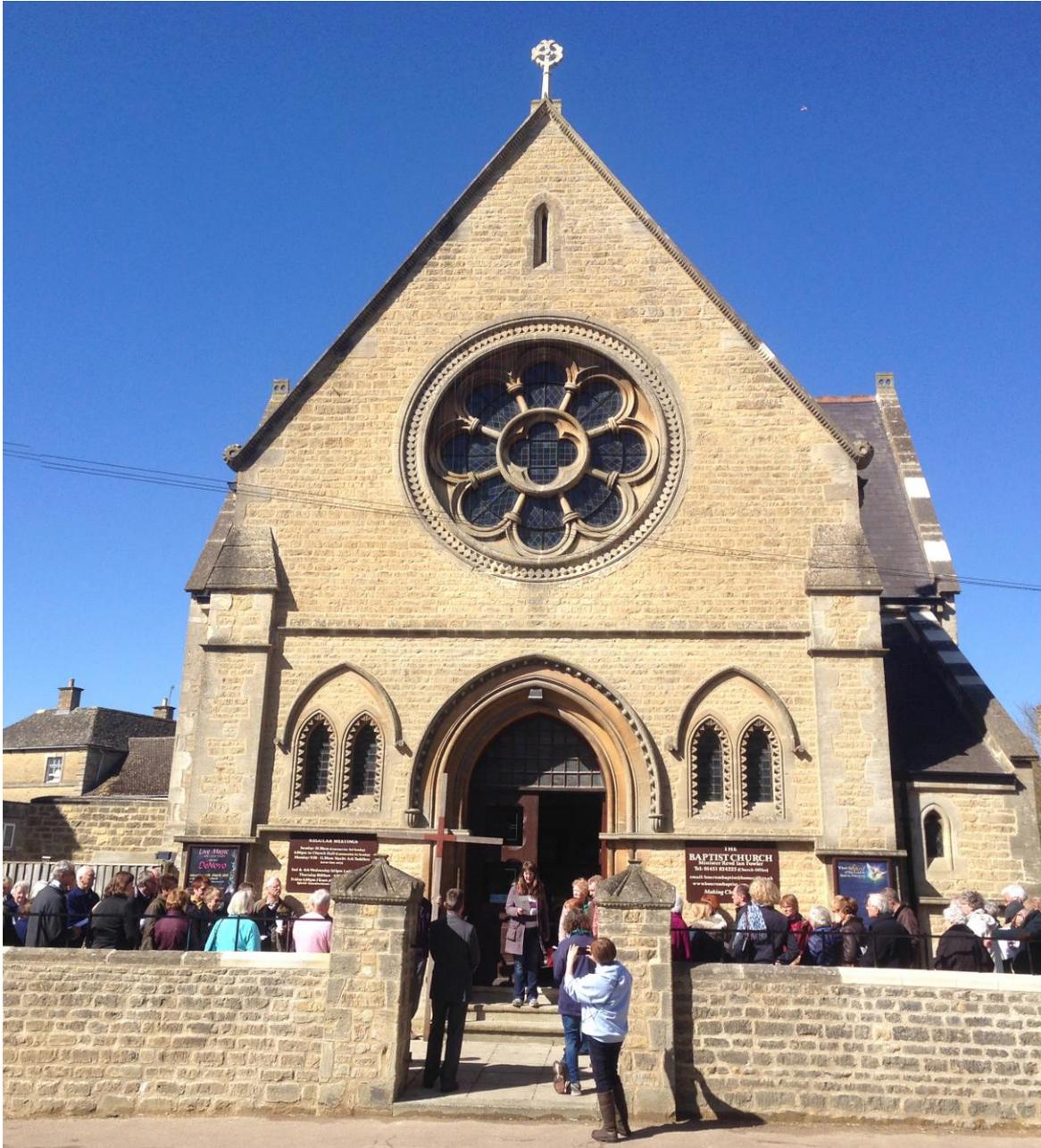


# Welcome!



## Bourton Baptist Church

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**Who we are, what we believe, our membership, and how to join.**

We are part of the West of England Baptist Association (WEBA) and an overall part of Baptist Union of Churches in the UK. Further information is here - [http://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/220484/Who\\_are\\_Baptists.aspx](http://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/220484/Who_are_Baptists.aspx)

For Baptists the concept of a family is important.

The church is not so much a particular place or building, but rather a family of believers, committed to Christ, to one another and to the service of God in the world.

We long for people to know Jesus, to be transformed by knowing Him, and bless our communities by His work within us. This is why we exist.

It is summed up in our **vision** –

**“To make Christ known, by growing a healthy church in relationship, for God's mission”.**

We recognise that God is at work in this world, and it is our task to join His mission, wherever this may be. We know we are called to love our neighbour, and Jesus has a particular heart for the marginalised. That is why you'll find our church engaged in foodbanks, community groups such as Open 4 U on a Thursday; running parent and toddler groups, and providing youth clubs.

Bourton Baptist Church provides worship on Sunday, with Communion of the Lords Supper on a regular basis, plus other activities through the week providing friendship and community, worship, reading the bible, and prayer. Church Members meetings are held regularly.

## **Our Mission -**

Bourton Baptist Church are committed to *intentionally* developing a culture where we...

### **SEEK TO BE A MOVEMENT OF SPIRIT LED COMMUNITIES:**

As those who have encountered the living Christ, to intentionally seek his will and purpose for our church and every expression of our shared life

[\(Gal. 5:22-25\)](#)

### **FEEL LIKE ONE TEAM:**

Celebrating diversity; valuing, respecting and trusting each other as we work together in partnerships – making sure everyone feels included and listened to

[\(I Cor. 12:24b-27\)](#)

### **EMBRACE ADVENTURE:**

Being serious about discipleship, willing to take risks, pioneer and move out of the comfort zone of familiar ways of doing things

[\(Matt. 28:18-20\)](#)

### **INSPIRE OTHERS:**

With a generosity of spirit, energise and motivate people to be all that God created them to be

[\(Eph. 5:1-2\)](#)

### **SHARE A HUNGER FOR GOD'S COMING KINGDOM:**

Nurturing a “holy discontent” that arises from our desire to give practical expression to our vision of God’s purpose for creation – confronting evil, injustice and hypocrisy and challenging worldly attitudes to power, wealth, status and security both within and beyond our church.

[\(Matt. 6:9-10\)](#)

## **If you would like to join us as a member:**

Church membership gives a person attending Bourton Baptist Church the right to vote, and therefore have a say in the decisions and direction of the church.

Therefore, church membership is open to those who:

1. accept and profess for themselves the beliefs of the Church
2. are willing to take their part in serving Christ within Bourton Baptist Church and beyond as their talents allow.

To apply for membership -

1. Two current members arrange to meet and chat with anyone wishing to become a member, to ensure
  - a. there is opportunity for questions or information about the Church to be asked by the applicant
  - b. the members are able to explain the 2 points above, and confirm that the applicant has a sincere faith in Christ, and they wish to become a member.
2. Once the meeting per (1) has taken place, the application for membership is a recommendation and vote at a members meeting, followed by a public welcome in a service.
3. Should the applicant not be baptised and wish full immersion baptism, this would be encouraged.

A member of an existing Baptist Church can apply to have their membership transferred.

Finally, though not a condition of membership, the Church hopes all members will prayerfully consider their financial giving to the Church, according to their personal circumstances, and as a private matter.

**We welcome you as a member, regular attendee, or visitor!**

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