

Car of Hill

Sandhurst Baptist Church

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The Sandhurst Baptist Church Story

The chapel was built in 1884 and was known to be a temperance hall around 1887. It was then an independent church fellowship for a considerable length of time.

In January 1990 the church was constituted to be a part of the Berkshire Baptist Association, which has since been incorporated into the Southern Counties Baptist Association. The buildings are now in trust with the Baptist Union Corporation.

Extensive renovations have been carried out in recent years and our premises are well used for a wide range of activities. Our position is central in Sandhurst, on a busy thoroughfare.

Over the years, the church has supported many forms of ministry within its own program and in the surrounding community. Currently we do not have youth and children's activities; our focus is with adults, included in this are strong links and partnerships with our local Napalese community.

Our aims are expressed on this banner:

"I will bless you - You will be a blessing"

"Not to be served - But to serve"

Leadership

Principle

As with all Baptist churches we are responsible for organising and managing our church ourselves. We receive support from the wider Baptist family, but decisions are made by those who have entered into Membership with us.

Minister

A significant part of leadership comes from the church's minister. Recently, the ministry of Rev. Pete Evans concluded with his planned retirement after nearly ten years of service here. We are therefore in a period of transition as we wait to see what god's will for us might be.

Deacons

In this church we appoint deacons to share the role of leadership. They are also trustees for the church. The number of deacons can vary. Currently we have two, Selwyn and Louise. The deacons together with the church minister, make up the Leadership Team. This team has support from the Regional Ministers of the Southern Counties Baptist Association. Whilst we are without a Minister we also have the support of a Moderator.

Decisions

Whilst the Leadership Team looks after the day to day running of the church, it is the church members who have the final word in decision making. Accordingly we have regular members meetings to keep them informed and to make decisions about proposals requiring their approval.

All the friends who worship with us are supporters of the church and can attend these meetings, but only those who have become Church Members can vote on issues.

Social Events

These include lunches, music nights, quiz nights, afternoon tea and board games.