

St Andrews Baptist Church – Condensed Profile



Town: St Andrews, Scotland: Pop. 17000, an east coast seaside town, a haven for families in the summer months it is the Home of Golf, the sport having been played here for some 600 years. West Sands beach became famous when it featured in the film "Chariots of Fire".

University: founded in 1413, is the third oldest in Britain, and has a vibrant Christian Union. St Mary's College, part of the university, is one of the oldest protestant theological colleges in existence.

Schools: There are 3 primary schools and one split-site secondary school in the state sector, and one private primary and secondary (part boarding) school. A new single-site secondary school is planned.

Church: founded 1841, is a Bible-based church - taking our stand on the authority of Scripture, and preaching Jesus Christ as Lord. At present, we enjoy a balanced style of worship, with lively singing of both contemporary and traditional worship music.

Membership: currently about 130. We have open membership to all professing faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Roughly 220-250 people meet regularly for worship on Sunday mornings during term time. Summer months see us welcoming many visitors to the area. Vacation numbers have been about 150 in morning worship. Evening services about 40. In term time, we are joined by many university students, many from overseas; in the summer months, we welcome many holidaymakers.

Church building: situated in the town centre; capacity about 230, with small ground floor hall. Also, an adjacent terraced cottage provides additional rooms for children's work. Poor access for the disabled and increasing attendance sees us using the assembly hall of the local secondary school for our Sunday morning services. Sunday evening services continue to be held in the church building.

Existing Ministry Team: Pastor (vacant from Sept. 2018); International Outreach Worker; Jobsharing Youth and Childrens Workers; two Pastoral Apprentices; leadership team of elders and deacons; and active membership. Preaching is shared by pastor and a preaching team, including gifted and experienced members and students exploring their gifting.

Vision: Seven years ago, we developed a Five Year Focus Document with four core aims: Our lives are lived under the cross; We are growing together in worship; Mission is our passion from local to global; We live out the reign of Christ in the world. That Focus is still current.

Ministries: St Andrews Baptist has 13 Ministry Teams and House Groups to support people of all ages. We have seen a growth in ministry to university students and young people in recent years. We have an outreach ministry to migrant workers on a local fruit farm and have developed a partnership with a church in Romania.

Pastor: will have been baptised as a believer and be a graduate of a recognized theological college; will be a member of our ministry team, be an ex officio deacon and elder, and provide spiritual, pastoral, outreach and administrative leadership; will be required to obtain PVG clearance.

Extensive Further details: including full profile, on website www.standrewsbaptist.org.uk

