



# BLANDFORD ST. MARY CHURCH PLANT

## Latest News!

Following the unanimous decision made by the churches in September, we are witnessing tangible progress.

### **The Board of Reference has commenced its meetings.**

Thank you for your prayers for the Board of Reference. It was a pleasure to have a Zoom call with them and to gain insights from their experiences. During the meeting, we shared many ideas on the best approach for the plant. Our team consists of leaders from various churches, all united by a shared commitment to making the gospel known.

### **People are relocating.**

With the establishment of a new plant location, there's a necessity to find housing in the area, and currently, two homes are available on the market. Any assistance in promoting these properties would be greatly appreciated, especially since the housing market is somewhat sluggish. Here are the links to the houses: [HOUSE 1](#) and [HOUSE 2](#).

We trust that as we follow the Lord's guidance, suitable accommodations will be revealed to us in His perfect timing.

### **Independent Churches Working Together**

Broadstone Baptist Church is a member of the [FIEC](#), and from November 4th to 6th, the leadership team attended their annual conference. This event has always fostered wonderful fellowship among like-minded churches. One of the FIEC's goals is to support church planting, and this year they introduced several new initiatives to that end. These initiatives include:

- A cohort of church plant leaders coming together to support and equip each other in their efforts.
- The introduction of a church planting coach.
- A support program for the wives of planters.

It is such a blessing to receive such great support from the FIEC and see in action churches working together, united in the gospel for gospel proclamation.

# What can you pray for?

As we embark on this new venture, there are countless reasons to pray.

- **Pray for the core team of the plant.**

Many individuals are either already living in the Blandford area or planning to relocate within the next year. Please pray for unity among this group, that we may genuinely care for one another and lift each other up in love. Additionally, pray for the children involved in this initiative, that their experiences will inspire them to grow closer to Christ.

- **Pray for a suitable gathering venue.**

We have several options to consider in the upcoming year. One promising prospect is a potential new Village Hall, with the Parish Council planning to begin work in December 2024. Located in the heart of the new estate, this site could become an excellent meeting place. Please pray that the Parish Council faces no obstacles in constructing this facility and that our discussions with them will be fruitful if this venue is suitable for the plant.

- **Pray for the churches already in Blandford.**

One challenge many planting churches face is their relationship with existing churches in the area. Thus far, my conversations with the leaders of these other churches have been positive, and I hope we can collaborate effectively.

- **Pray for the Board of Reference.**

The first meeting was fantastic, and it would be wonderful to continue lifting up these church leaders and the congregations they represent to the Lord. Pray for God's wisdom to be evident in our meetings together.

- **Pray for my workload and family.**

In addition to leading the church plant, I am still serving as the assistant pastor at Broadstone Baptist Church while completing my final year at Crosslands Seminary. This is alongside my responsibilities as a husband and father to three young girls. Please pray for wisdom in discerning what to prioritize and what to set aside.

**Finally pray for the people of Blandford.** We should never lose the principle behind this plant that more people in Blandford need to hear the gospel. We long to see many people in the area come to know him.

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