

## **1 Watchorn Church is based in the small ex mining town of Alfreton Derbyshire**

2 A church of around 80 to 100 people led at present by 5 men who were stewards during the church's time in the Methodist Denomination. The Church has recently left the Methodist Connexion and are seeking to move towards a leadership model of Elders and Deacons. We envisage that the new Minister will be one of the Elders. It is important to note that although we have quoted numbers above, many in the town of Alfreton consider this Church to be their place of worship even though they don't attend! This is for historical and family association reasons.

3 We seek to be faithful to the Word of God and the Bible is our **Supreme Authority**. The teaching of, and exposition of The Holy Scriptures is at the heart of everything that we do. We are therefore looking for a pastor whose strengths are in preaching and teaching systematically these scriptures. Please see our statement of "What We Believe", on our website.

4 Our mandate is to preach and witness to the Gospel of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ calling all people to repentance and faith in Him.

5 There is a fascinating story behind the current Church buildings, of a local boy made good who came back home to make a massive difference to his home town. The current buildings replaced a small Primitive Methodist Church which was on the site with a rather grand suite of buildings about 91 years ago. In addition, he financed a staff of two ministers and since then this church has been used to having its own minister concentrating on the ministry here whilst at times having other small churches in association.

Watchorn Church currently holds two services each Sunday 10:30 and 6pm. Sunday School also meets during the morning service with the children in Church for the first part of the service. We use both modern worship songs and traditional hymns. There are midweek meetings for Prayer and Bible Study, Ladies' and Men's' meetings and Children's and Youth work. We regularly host Bible Teaching days on Saturdays and invited speakers attract many people from a wide area. In the past we have seen this as a valuable service to the body of Christ in an age where Bible Believing Churches are not always easy to find. We support mission at home and abroad. Members of the congregation have been to various countries supporting work in Africa, India (Kolkata) and Israel. We have supported in addition OMF, Return Ministries, Answers in Genesis, Barnabas Fund, as well as drug/drink rehabilitation groups.

### **Children and Young People's work**

For many years the Church has employed youth workers to head up this important work and to oversee our outreach to the local schools through Open the Book and also our midweek children's and youth work

We also have a Christian School which we see as a crucial part of our work.

We engage in outreach to our town by open air witness in the town centre alongside another church.

### **In reach**

We try to arrange church weekends and days away to enhance our discipleship and build up our fellowship within the Church.

## **The Appointment of a Pastor**

We are looking for a Pastor called by God who can subscribe to our statement of faith. One in a close relationship with Jesus Christ and of sound character. Someone who can help to lead the Church forward into the future. A man of prayer with leadership gifts who can in cooperation with the other elders discern God's will and help the Church move into the future God is preparing for it. A Minister with a pastoral heart who can stand strong in adversity and protect the flock with compassion and patience.

### Job Specification

#### Essential

Accepts Genesis Chapter one as literal truth Including six days creation.

Will fulfil a large proportion of the preaching services.

Driving Licence

Pastoral heart and visiting to Hospital and Homes where appropriate.

Officiate at Wedding and Funeral Services

#### Desirable

Formal Theological/Biblical Training

Business capability and understanding to support the Church's wide-ranging Ministry

#### Terms and Conditions

Type: Permanent

Hours: Full/Part time considered

Location: Alfreton Derbyshire

Salary: Competitive based on experience

Please be aware that whilst we are accepting applications for the position, we have not decided on a closing date for applications or on arrangements for an interview process until the regulations in place for Covid-19 physically allow for this to be done properly

Apply with CV and opening letter to [apply@watchornchurch.com](mailto:apply@watchornchurch.com)