

## Warrington Baptist Church



**Warrington Baptist Church is a family of believers that gather in the centre of town every week.** In the winter of 2013, a storm ripped away the chapel roof. After the subsequent renovation, the fellowship was devastated by the death of a much-loved family member after an accident on the premises. Due to this, we commissioned a Quinquennial survey to be carried out on the whole building, which revealed significant structural problems. Emergency repairs have been carried out, but we are unable to fund the cost of any major works.

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We can testify to the Lord's hand guiding and upholding us, sending new people in the remaking of this family. We are becoming a people who are committed to each other, encouraging one another to be open, honest and real. The Holy Spirit is truly moving and transforming our lives together, to the point where we treasure our times of gathering and desire to be with each other more than anything else in this world.

We have witnessed baptisms, heard emotional testimonies, shared the gospel in new ways and seen old and new members blossom in their discipleship. These times continue to be challenging and stressful, with a Health and Safety investigation rumbling on, no money in the bank account and a commitment to move away from a decrepit building. However, this word remains on the lips and resonates in the hearts of all the gathered people on every step on The Way; **"The Joy of the Lord is Our Strength!" (Nehemiah 8: 10)**

### For your thoughts and prayers:

- Can you testify to the Spirit of God rejuvenating you and bringing fresh hope and life amidst suffering, struggles or sadness - if so how could you use your experiences to encourage others?
- In what ways might God be wanting to draw your congregation closer together as a family? What steps could you proactively take to develop and deepen friendship within the church?