



Devoted to Christ, His People, His Mission

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Declaration of Principle

As part of Baptists Together - the movement of churches comprising the Baptist Union of Great Britain - we subscribe to the basis of the Baptist Union;

1. That our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, is the sole and absolute authority in all matters pertaining to faith and practice, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, and that each Church has liberty, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to interpret and administer His laws.
2. That Christian Baptism is the immersion in water into the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, of those who have professed repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ who 'died for our sins according to the Scriptures; was buried, and rose again the third day'.
3. That it is the duty of every disciple to bear personal witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to take part in the evangelisation of the world.

Ethos Statement

The ethos of Croxley Green Baptist Church is our motivation for all our work – it is the reason why we do what we do. It is to work together to extend Jesus' model of the Kingdom of God on earth by living out a lifestyle of love, truth, justice, mercy and forgiveness, according to his teaching. We are inspired by his message, life and example through which God's unconditional love for all people is expressed. These are given life among us, and through us, as we share in the life of Jesus through the presence of the Holy Spirit, given to each of us, shared by all of us.

While this ethos is given life through our relationships, our relationships – the way we work together and behave with one another – are a demonstration and authentication of our ethos. It is through these relationships, with each other and those whom we seek to serve, that we practise our ethos.

Our ethos or motivation, and therefore our relationships, are rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ and in his love, which compels us to serve others, putting their needs first. When we work together it is this faith which directs and influences both our internal relationships as well as our work with those whom Croxley Green Baptist Church is seeking to serve.

In this way Croxley Green Baptist Church operates on the understanding that our activities are simply an outworking of our faith; that our 'doing' derives directly from our 'being'. There is an essential and indissoluble link between the inner and the outer, the private life and the public face of Croxley Green Baptist Church. The link between who we are and what we do cannot be broken.



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Values Statement

Along with others – locally, regionally and nationally – whom are part of the Baptists Together movement, Croxley Green Baptist Church seeks to share in the vision of

'Growing healthy Churches in relationship for God's mission'

As we focus on making vision reality, we are committed to intentionally developing a culture where we...

SEEK TO BE A MOVEMENT OF SPIRIT LED COMMUNITIES:

As those who have encountered the living Christ, to intentionally seek his will and purpose for our local churches and every expression of our shared life. **(Gal. 5:22-25)**

FEEL LIKE ONE TEAM:

Celebrating God's gift of diversity; valuing, caring for, respecting and trusting each other as we live and work together in partnerships – making sure everyone feels welcomed, included and listened to. **(I Cor. 12:24b-27)**

EMBRACE ADVENTURE:

Being serious about following Jesus, increasingly becoming missionary disciples, expressing his life as a community together and in our lives apart; being willing to take risks, pioneer and move out of the comfort zone of familiar ways of doing things. **(John 20v21-22)**

INSPIRE OTHERS:

With a generosity of spirit, energise and motivate people to be all that God created them to be, inviting them to share God's new life seen in Jesus, through faith in his death and resurrection, shaped by the Holy Spirit to express God's "new creation". **(Eph. 5:1; 6v14-15)**

SHARE A HUNGER FOR GOD'S COMING KINGDOM:

Nurturing a "holy discontent" that arises from our desire to give practical expression to our vision of God's purpose for creation – confronting evil, injustice and hypocrisy and challenging worldly attitudes to power, wealth, status and security both within and beyond our movement. **(Matt. 6:9-10)**

WALK TOGETHER WITH OTHERS IN MINISTRY AND MISSION:

Being in intentional relationship with others of the Baptist Together movement, locally, regionally and nationally, along with other streams of God's Church and other groups and people, working together to express our vision and God's new life. **(Rom 1v12)**