



## Church Profile

Congleton Pentecostal Church was founded in 1959. Initially it was a small group of believers who met in each other's homes and then a hired hall, until a Church building was constructed in Nursery Lane in 1968. At that time the Church was known as Carmel Pentecostal Church. In 1980 the Church took over the former Unitarian Chapel in Cross Street and that is where we still meet.

Congleton Pentecostal Church is an independent Pentecostal Church which is locally governed by a Church Council, who are in turn accountable to the Church members.

Our official name is Congleton Pentecostal Church but we are known locally as "Cross Street Church".

Cross Street Church is a family Church which aims to communicate the Christian Gospel in a way which is contemporary and relevant to all ages. When we meet together, we enjoy good Bible teaching, warm fellowship and lively worship.

The Cross Street Church family consists of a wide range of ages and several nationalities. The demographic of Congleton is 95% white British but approximately 40% of the Cross Street Church congregation are from overseas. The church has recently established a ministry called Diversity Connect which helps people from overseas who have relocated to Congleton.



Congleton is a historic market town in the county of Cheshire, surrounded by picturesque countryside and not far from the Peak District National Park. Its population is approximately 27,000 and the town is growing rapidly. The town has an annual Bible Week which is linked to Keswick Ministries and the present Pastor of Cross Street Church is the Chairman of the committee that organises this.



Cross Street Church is situated in the centre of the town, just across the road from the new market quarter. The building consists of a Victorian church and church hall that have recently been refurbished with a welcoming entrance area between the two.

The church has underfloor heating, a baptistry for full immersion baptisms, comfortable seating for up to 100 downstairs plus a small balcony. The best of the traditional features have been preserved whilst making it comfortable, functional and contemporary. Sometimes chairs and tables are set out informally for meals and special events. The church has excellent acoustics and is a popular venue during the “Congleton Unplugged” acoustic music festival.



The church hall is used mostly for youth and children's ministry. It consists of a large hall which is used for children's run around games and toddler group, a fully equipped kitchen, two smaller rooms with activities for children and young people plus storage rooms. The church hall is also an ideal venue for the annual Easter breakfast and Harvest lunch.



# Mission Statement

The purpose of Congleton Pentecostal church is to give every man, woman and child the opportunity of understanding the Gospel and to be a Church where people can grow and develop for the glory of God.

Jesus said to His disciples: “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid...” Our vision is to be like a city set on a hill, shining the light and love of Jesus for all to see.

Our aim is to do this, not by staying within the four walls of a building, but by reaching out to the community around us and to a world in need.

## Objectives of the Church

(as a registered charity, number 1051793)

- a) To advance the Christian faith
- b) To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support.
- c) To advance education.

# Statement of Faith

- We believe in one God, Who is almighty, all knowing and unchanging. He is the Eternal, self-existent One, Who created the world and everything in it from nothing. He has revealed Himself as One being co-existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God made man in His image but mankind has been corrupted by sin. God is holy and man's sin separates him from God. We have all sinned and as sinners are subject to God's righteous anger and judgement but God is love and He showed His love for us by sending His Son to be the Saviour of the World. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, taught with authority, healed the sick and performed miraculous signs, suffered and died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins, was raised bodily from the dead, ascended into Heaven where He is now seated at the right hand of the Father and has been given the name which is above every name: Jesus.
- We believe that through Jesus and only through Him we can receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life. This salvation cannot be earned, it is a free gift from God which we receive when in repentance we turn from our sinful life, put our faith in Jesus and follow Him. Through water baptism we make a public confession that we have left our old sinful life behind, our sins have been washed away and we are now walking in newness of life with Christ.

- We believe that the day is coming when Jesus will return visibly in power and glory. Those who have received Him will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air and shall always be with Him but those who have rejected Him will be excluded from His presence. Until that day we are called to live holy lives, to break bread with other believers in remembrance of Jesus and to share the Gospel with all mankind. We are commanded to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love one another as Christ has loved us. We cannot do this in our own strength but Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Through Him we are empowered to be witnesses, we are transformed into the likeness of Jesus and we are equipped for service through spiritual gifts which the Holy Spirit distributes to build up the body of Christ, the Church.
- We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, written by men but inspired by the Holy Spirit. The Bible is our final authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

For further details about church services and activities go to <https://crossstreetchurch.co.uk>

Sunday morning services are livestreamed. To see our style of worship go to YouTube and search for Cross Street Church, Congleton.