

## Church of the Year

The Southern Counties Baptist Association encourages a church or missional community each year in their ministry and mission.

If selected the church/missional community will have the opportunity to share a project or need with the wider family in SCBA to receive financial support. They will also be able to share their story of God is doing across the Baptist Movement.

In becoming Church of the Year, we will have a project or missional work that you are beginning to do in your community.

This could be a from a community café to small building projects. We are interested to know how your project would share the Good News of Jesus in your community.

## How to apply:

Simply create a video (no longer than 5 minutes) outlining the project and the missional benefits. As well as filling out the application form by the 15<sup>th</sup> January and send it to the SCBA Office (details below), if successful your project/church will be launched at out February leaders conference.

The following criteria are offered as a guideline to those considering applying for Church of the Year. A successful application will need to reflect most of these criteria.

Successful applications to this will:

- reflect the strategic priorities, vision and values of SCBA (see link above).
- reflect a spirit of partnership and collaboration with other parties.
- be a mission-oriented project, reflecting God's holistic mission.
- not be given for purely administrative purposes.
- reflect Baptist principles, roots and ethos.

## **Application Process**

- The submission of the application form should be sent to the Association Administrator on <u>office.administrator@scba.org.uk</u> by 9am on the 15<sup>th</sup> January.
- Applications will be considered by the Regional Team
- By applying to become Church of the year you are committing to sharing your story and outcomes with the SCBA for use to share across the SCBA and Baptist Together.