



Doing Church  
**Differently**

# CAMBERLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Being Christ's Hands and Feet  
in the Community

[You can watch the Video on our YouTube Channel Here](#)

## OVERVIEW

We are following Camberley Baptist Church's journey of renewal under new co-ministers Richard and Fran Bellingham, as they seek to grow as a missional, Jesus-focused community.

Through partnerships and outreach initiatives like community clean-ups and resource-sharing, they aim to balance social action with faith, encouraging other churches to rethink their mission.

## KEY SCRIPTURE

*Matthew 5:14-16: "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*

*James 2:14-17: "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."*

- Have you ever been part of a church or community that needed change or renewal?
- What does it mean for a church to be missional in today's world?
- How can we balance social action and evangelism?

## GOING DEEPER

### Recognising the Need for Change: Isaiah 43:19

- What does Isaiah 43:19 teach us about God's renewal?
- How can we be open to the new things that God is doing in our churches and communities?
- What changes might be necessary for your church or personal faith journey?

### Being Light in the Community: Matthew 5:14-16

- How can simple actions demonstrate Christ's love to others?
- What are practical ways that we as individuals and as a church can shine God's light in our community?
- How do we ensure that our good deeds point to Jesus, rather than just social activism?

### 3. Faith and Action Go Hand in Hand: James 2:14-17

- According to James 2:14-17, why is faith without action meaningless?
- How can we engage in community service while still keeping Jesus at the center?
- What are some ways to invite people into a faith journey, rather than just offering them help?

- How does 2 Corinthians 5:17 describe the transformation that happens when we are in Christ?
- What areas in our personal lives or church life need renewal?
- How can God use broken or forgotten things (including people) to build His kingdom?

## APPLICATION:

- **Community Engagement:** What is one small step your group can take this week to serve others? (e.g., visiting a neighbor, volunteering, inviting someone for coffee)
- **Prayer Focus:** Pray for renewal in your church and personal faith life. Ask God to show you how to be His hands and feet.
- **Mission Challenge:** Reflect on how you can combine social action with evangelism. Could your group host a community event, prayer walk, or outreach?

## FIVE KEY QUESTIONS FOR THE CHURCH

1. How can our church engage with the changing needs of our community?

*Camberley Baptist Church recognised that while the community evolved, the church had not adapted. What needs or challenges exist in your local area that your church could respond to?*

2. What does it mean for our church to be truly “missional” rather than just maintaining traditions?

*The church in the video embarked on a missional steering group to rethink its direction. Is your church focused on outreach and transformation, or primarily on maintaining existing programs? How could your church redefine success beyond attendance numbers to impact and discipleship?*

3. How can we use our church’s resources more effectively for mission?

*The ministers discovered a fully equipped but unused kitchen—a symbol of untapped potential. What physical, financial, or human resources does your church have that could be better used for mission and community engagement? How can these resources invite people in rather than just serve those already in the church?*

4. How do we balance social action with introducing people to Jesus?

*The ministers emphasised they didn’t want to become just a social club—they wanted to share the gospel. Does your church prioritise both practical service and spiritual transformation? How can your church ensure that acts of kindness also create opportunities for people to encounter Jesus?*

5. What risks might God be calling our church to take?

*The church in the video took a risk by partnering with the SCBA to try something new. What fears or barriers might be holding your church back from change? If your church had no limits, what bold step could it take to reach your community differently?*

## CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, thank You for calling us to be a light in our communities. Help us to see the new things You are doing and to step out in faith. Give us wisdom to serve others while pointing them to You. Renew our hearts and our churches so that we can be places of transformation and hope. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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