



32-36 Brigadier Hill, Enfield, EN2 0NQ

CHURCH PROFILE

“The Church in the Community for the Community”

Vision Statement : “We are building a community in North Enfield whose aim is to live and love like Jesus, and to invite people to join us in getting to know him”

History

This church began in 1950 as a church plant from a local Brethren Assembly. A new purpose-built church and youth centre opened in 1970. It quickly established itself as an independent fellowship in North Enfield and experienced a period of rapid growth in the 1980's. Today the church numbers about 100 adults, plus children, from varying backgrounds, and is a lively, worshipping community of God's people.

About ten years ago, we purchased the next-door Off-Licence shop and house, and this has been developed into a focus for the Community. Known simply as “No 36” this building features an attractive Coffee Shop and Prayer Room and is used for a variety of activities to attract people from the local community.

We worship in an all-purpose hall with a modern worship band and challenging preaching. The church is not affiliated to any denomination and is self-supporting. We have many daytime activities, including Home Groups, children's activities and community activities.

Full details of all these can be found on the church website : www.brigadierfreechurch.org.uk

Our Local Community

According to the 2001 census, the Borough of Enfield has a population of over 273,000 of whom 77% are white. The largest ethnic groups are Black Caribbean, Black African and Indian, although there are many smaller groups.

The immediate area around the church is very diverse, with a large number of owner-occupied houses, but many council houses and tower-blocks. There are a number of good primary schools and a choice of secondary schools in the area.

Church Membership

Our membership is largely drawn from the local community and reflects the diversity of the area. It is a very welcoming church with a current membership of over 100 members, reflecting the make-up of the local community

We have a Children & Community Worker (4 days per week) and a Site Manager.

Leadership Team

There is a two-tiered leadership team, the Core Team and the wider Leadership. The Core Team (currently 7 in number, 4 men + 3 women) is responsible for vision, teaching, worship and prayer. The wider Leadership Team (presently 10) is delegated responsibility for key areas in the church, e.g. Home Groups, children's work, overseas mission, prayer ministry, etc.

Our Religious Beliefs

We aim to be “Christ centred, bible based and Spirit led”.

Our church is affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance and accepts its basis of faith.

We practise believers’ baptism and hold communion services regularly.

Key Challenges

These are outlined on the vision statement. There are 6 main thrusts : developing refreshing services, helping people to belong, encouraging people to pray, telling North Enfield about Jesus, developing dynamic leaders, and forming links with the global community.

We see the greatest need at the moment of connecting with the local community, so that the many contacts will accept Brig as their local church, so that belonging and associating with Christians regularly, may lead to a firm faith in the Lord Jesus.