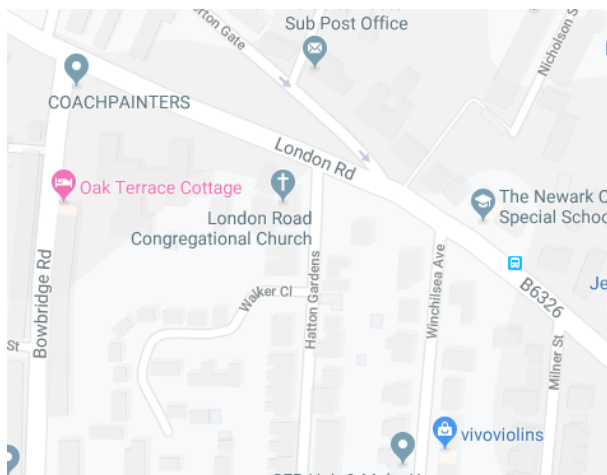


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# London Road Congregational Church, Newark - an introduction (2nd edition)



# Welcome

Whether you are a new visitor to our church or have picked up this leaflet out of general interest – we wish you a warm welcome.

We hope that you find in this short booklet useful information about our church. If you have questions we haven't answered there are lots of links on the back page to where you can find out more.

We'd be only too pleased to hear from you, and to see you at one or more of the activities you will find described in the centre pages. There's something to suit most people, and you don't have to be a Christian to join in – we've marked the ones that are most suitable for people of other faiths and non-believers with this 'open door' symbol and we promise that if you come to one of these events in particular that you won't have religion thrust at you. But of course we do want more people to become Christians so we'll do everything we can to help you if that is what you are looking for and we'd love to see you at a service. If you've not been to church before Café Church might be a good place to start.



Finally – our church is here to serve our community and the people who live in it. If you have any personal or spiritual needs we will do our best to help you. Please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours, in Christ's name.

*Mark Taylor*

Mark Taylor - Minister

# What is a Congregational Church?

In England Congregational churches date back to 1662 when some people wanted independence from the established church to allow them more freedom in the way they wanted to worship.

Congregational churches are run by their local members, who make all the decisions about how the church operates. No one else can tell us what to do. We hold church meetings where through the power of the Holy Spirit we 'seek the mind of Christ' in determining what we should do.

Our Ministers, although they have a special role in spiritual leadership, teaching and preaching, are also members of the church, equal in status to other members.

We don't have a statement of faith, or a list of things we have to believe in to become a member. Our beliefs can be summarised as 'I believe in God and accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour.'

We invite all who love the Lord Jesus Christ to share Communion.

We baptise both children and adults and can undertake wedding and funerals on our premises.

We think that Congregationalism is the best way of being church!

## London Road Congregational Church Manifesto – how we try to be church.

### How we want to live

- To follow the way of Jesus rather than rules and conventions;
- To doubt and question without fear, and never be daunted by orthodoxies and authority figures;
- To live courageously, and resist being motivated by guilt or fear;
- To look for God in every person and situation;
- To embrace messiness and imperfection while aspiring to be all that we can be.

### How we want to love.

- To make a priority of kindness and compassion, and pursue justice for all people;
- To resist passing judgement, and befriend people in the margins;
- To love the world and honour it as God's body;
- To celebrate the uniqueness of everyone, laugh often, enjoy friends and welcome strangers.

## Hiring our Church Hall

Our church hall is available to hire for clubs, organisations, private parties etc. Rates are £15/hour – less for charitable events. To enquire about availability and bookings please phone 07801 354265 or email [newarkcongregational@virginmedia.com](mailto:newarkcongregational@virginmedia.com)

## Our Minister - Mark Taylor



Mark has been Minister at London Road since autumn 2020. He is a retired Local Government Officer with a B.A. in Practical Theology. He is an accredited Preacher of the Congregational Federation.

Mark leads the Café service and also organizes Film Club, Book Club and Pub Theology. He is the chair of the Just Sing! choir.

In 2022 Mark was elected national President of the Congregational Federation.

## The Congregational Federation

Like many independent Congregational churches, ours is affiliated to the Congregational Federation, an umbrella body that provides support in areas such as legal compliance, training, recruitment, finance and safeguarding.

[www.congregational.org.uk/](http://www.congregational.org.uk/)

## Church Activities

(visit our website [www.newarkcongregational.com](http://www.newarkcongregational.com) for more details)

### Sunday Worship



On most Sundays our services are traditional in style with hymns, a sermon, prayers etc. On the first Sunday of the month this includes Communion. All our services are also on Zoom.

11.00 – 12.00 each Sunday (except when Café Church). Third Sunday

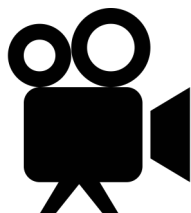
### Café Church



On the 4th Sunday each month we have a more informal service in the church hall with breakfast, the Sunday papers, a quiz, film clips, discussion etc. Also available on Zoom (but without the breakfast!)

10.30 – 11.00 for breakfast followed by

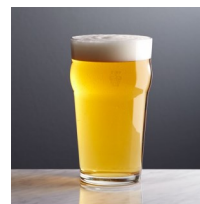
### Film Club



Film club is like a book club with DVDs. Each month we watch a film and meet up online via Zoom to talk about selected clips. For people of all faiths or none.

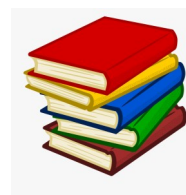
19.30 – 21.00. 3rd Wed. of month

### Pub Theology



A monthly meeting over a drink at The Prince Rupert pub to discuss general topics of Theology and Philosophy. Designed to be for people of all faiths and none.

### Book Club



Book club meets monthly to discuss a Christian book we are reading together. We take the book in bite-size chunks – it might take us several months to discuss a whole book. Online via Zoom.

19.00 – 20.30 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of the month.

### Friday Focus/Coffee, Craft and Conversation



Open to all - meet for a coffee and a chat each Friday. On the first Friday of each month there is a craft club. Bring your own project or try something new.

10.00 – 11.30 each Friday

### Just Sing! Community Choir



Just Sing! is open to anyone who would like to sing with a choir. There are no auditions and if you can't afford to pay it's free. We sing a wide range of musical styles. Our annual concert raises large sums for local charities

10.00 – 12.00 alternate Saturday mornings