



KIRKWALL BAPTIST CHURCH - CHURCH PROFILE

Where is Kirkwall?

In Orkney, which lies off the northern coast of Scotland, and is made up of 70 or so islands of which 17 are inhabited. The combined population is around 21,000. Transport to Orkney is by regular ro-ro sailings from the north of Scotland or from Aberdeen, and daily flights arrive from the Scottish mainland to Kirkwall airport. Orkney has been voted the best place to live in Scotland, and the best place to raise children in the UK. See here for a short video about living on Orkney: <https://www.ohb.scot.nhs.uk/working>

What is Kirkwall like?

Kirkwall is a comparatively small, close community, but as the "county town" of Orkney, has many services and facilities normally associated with larger towns. These include shops, supermarkets, a leisure centre with swimming pool, arts theatre etc., two primary schools, and Kirkwall Grammar School, which serves the majority of secondary school age pupils in Orkney.

Who are Kirkwall Baptist Church?

Kirkwall Baptist Church is one of three Baptist churches in Orkney, and the congregation is a gathered community from all areas of the Mainland and adjacent islands. Membership is currently just over 100, although Sunday morning attendance is approximately 150. The church is composed of people from a wide range of evangelical backgrounds and age groups, and is committed to working together and preserving unity. The church premises lie on Victoria Street, which is part of the main street running through the town.

What are the main activities of the church gathered?

Sunday morning service: 11:15 am, with crèche and Sunday school
Sunday evening service: 6:15 pm
Weekly small groups, and monthly prayer meetings
The Point (weekly meeting for primary school age)
Upper room (weekly meeting for secondary school age)
Christianity Explored/Discipleship Explored/Alpha courses
Spring and summer camps for young people
Services at St Rognvald's care home
Summer holiday club

What other things are people from the church involved in (church scattered)?

Interdenominational prayer meetings	Annual Bible Festival
Food bank	Street pastors
Vital Talk – Orkney counselling service	Orkney Christian healing
Memory cafe	Gideons
Postal Bible school	Supa-club school group

In what direction is the church moving?

By God's grace, we are aiming to be the following three things:

- 1 Rooted* - deeply rooted in Jesus Christ, in his word, in the Spirit, in prayer.
- 2 Missional* - turning outwards to point toward Jesus in both word and deed, seeking to introduce others to him.
- 3 Relational* - strong not merely in our services or programs or leadership, but in our connections and relationships with one another.