

Broad Oak Chapel (Updated April 2010)

Services are held every Sunday morning at 10.30am, with Holy Communion celebrated on the first Sunday of each month.

The chapel is licensed for weddings and over the past few years we have seen a number of happy couples make their vows before God within our walls.

Each Wednesday afternoon there is a Bible Study held at the manse (37, Shalloak Road, Broad Oak CT2 0QH – tel 01227 711897) to which anyone and everyone are obviously welcome. We place high value on these weekly Bible studies and regard them as ‘the church within the church’.

Also on Wednesdays, from 10.00 until 12.00, again at the manse, we hold an outreach Art Class. Like the Bible Study, this has proved popular both with churchgoers and others. The high point of the art group is our annual art exhibition which has been held at the Chapel in September for the past five years or so.

The chapel was founded in 1867 by an itinerant minister by the name of Pastor Acomb, who was also responsible for founding Tyler Hill Baptist Chapel. We still have a link with Tyler Hill in that our pastor is part of the rota conducting afternoon worship. We also belong to Churches Together in Sturry and are thereby involved in periodic joint activities with our local sister churches and denominations.

Our pastor is an ordained Baptist minister, a graduate of London Bible College and of Christ Church Canterbury and served for a number of years in the Baptist ministry in Zimbabwe. Like many a minister he has an interest in railways and not very far from the chapel is safely stored the family’s 8-ton steam locomotive ‘Elsa’, brought back from Africa in 1989. Until Elsa’s boiler certificate expired, many a happy chapel outing involved rides up and down the track behind this ancient engine.

The chapel has car parking available, immediately opposite the main building.

The chapel is situated about 100 yards down Chapel Lane, which is a turning off Shalloak Road almost opposite Goose Farm. The chapel postcode is CT2 0QG.

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