

Pastor (Full time)

# The Church

Grace Church Sandbach is a Reformed Baptist church in Cheshire. We began in 2018 as a church plant from Wheelock Heath Baptist Church, and became fully independent in 2023. We currently have 67 members, many of whom have joined the church in the last 7 years, and a few of whom have come to faith since 2018. The church consists of people of all ages, from children and young people through to those who are retired. We are part of the FIEC and have strong connections to the North West Gospel Partnership and the North Staffordshire Fellowship of Evangelical Churches.

We are committed to the mission of making disciples in Sandbach and the surrounding area. This includes a range of evangelistic endeavours in our town. We would also love to be involved in planting again in the coming years as the Lord provides.

# The Applicant

We are seeking a man with:

* A godly character (as laid out in Titus 1 and 1 Timothy 3)
* A love for God, his people and the lost
* Theological training
* Gifts in teaching God’s word
* Agreement with our theological position as set out in the Second London Baptist Confession of Faith (excepting 26.4) (this can be found [here](https://1689londonbaptistconfession.com/)) and the FIEC statements on [Gospel Unity](https://fiec.org.uk/who-we-are/beliefs/gospel-unity), [Women in Ministry](https://fiec.org.uk/who-we-are/beliefs/women-in-ministry) and [Same Sex Marriage](https://fiec.org.uk/who-we-are/beliefs/same-sex-marriage).

# The Role

The church is currently led by 4 elders, one of whom serves as full-time pastor but will soon have to retire due to terminal illness. The salary would be evaluated based on experience using a teachers’ salary as a benchmark.

The details of the role will be shaped around the individual who is appointed. It will include, among other things:

* Preaching of God’s word (primarily consecutive exposition of Bible books, on average around 6 times a month.
* Pastoral care, alongside the other elders
* Leadership of the church with the other elders
* Opportunities for further development and training (including two paid conferences a year and annual study leave)

# The Process

The start time will depend on the candidate’s availability, but we anticipate it being later in 2025 if possible, or by autumn 2026 at the latest.

For further details or to express interest in this position, please contact John Sourbutts ([john.sourbutts@btopenworld.com](mailto:john.sourbutts@btopenworld.com), 07939 637272). Deadline for applications 31st May 2025; earlier enquiries encouraged.