

Opportunity Profile – Romford Evangelical Free Church

In this document we have gathered together a range of information which should give you a flavour of where, who and what we are as a church currently. This is, by its very nature, not an exhaustive account but more of a snapshot to help you understand us as a fellowship.

Location and surrounding area

Evan is located in Romford on the border with Hornchurch, in the London borough of Havering which is just inside the M25 on the East of London. We have just celebrated our 130th anniversary of serving the local people.

The church is situated in a suburban area being surrounded by a variety of housing and schools with little commerce apart from retail and small businesses. The church owns the adjacent semi-detached house and fronts a busy local road with buses that stop outside. On the edge of Romford town and Hylands wards, there are approximately 13,000 people living in the immediate area. The overall population of Havering is around 249,000 (2015)

Local schools include a large Girls school which we currently use for the church car park at weekends, a primary school located to the rear of the church with whom we have reciprocal access and three other local primary schools.

Sunday worship

Our Sunday morning service is held at 10:30 and includes a Children's Sunday club with age appropriate classes. Crèche facilities are also available during the service.

On Sunday afternoons and evenings, a range of activities are undertaken from prayer meetings to specific themed training, praise, fellowship and occasional evening services. We regularly welcome new folk from surrounding area to our Sunday services and they are quickly made to feel very welcome.

Midweek activity

During the week, the church has a small youth group, a monthly midweek prayer meeting and various other activities including regular home based fellowship groups along with men's and women's bible study groups.

We are currently, and successfully, piloting telephone prayer groups to support those who are not able to physically attend.

Outreach

We are a suburban town-based church with a global vision. That means that we support missionary activities in other parts of the world as well as taking outreach to our local community as an essential part of mission.

We have recently started new activities such as delivering up to two thousand copies of the Good News newspaper, care home services, messy church, going away as a church for a day to study and worship, coffee mornings, and we have recommenced the October Light Party and Kids clubs in the holidays.

We also join and support likeminded local churches for various evangelical activities such as Graceworks (SUs school outreach) Across Havering (alliance of churches in the borough) Illuminate, Nativity Project, Gideons, Street Pastors, Stand By Me, (local children's Christian charity). We also support other programmes such as Causeway, Hope International, our local Food Bank, Hope for Havering and the Philo Trust.

Affiliation and tradition

Romford Evangelical Free Church is affiliated to the FIEC.

Membership profile

100 in membership with another 30 or so regular attendees

Website

For additional detail, please have a look at the new church website. It launched mid-February 2019 and we are currently still adding to it.

www.romford-evan.co.uk

Our vision

At Romford Evan we seek to honour God by fulfilling His commandment to love Him and our neighbour with whole hearts and His commission to bring others to know, love and follow Him through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Matthew 22:37-39 and 28:18-20

(The short form) Love God, Love your neighbour, Go make disciples.

Our mission

We do this by teaching biblical truth and seeking God through prayer so that we grow in depth through discipleship, closer through fellowship, in size through evangelism and in breadth by extending our ministry.

Growing through Discipleship

We seek to learn more about God, and to grow *deeper* in our knowledge of and relationship with Him. We do this by studying and applying biblical principles.

Growing through Fellowship

We seek to grow *closer* by encouraging each other personally, in small groups and in corporate worship as we meet together in the week and on Sundays.

Growing through Evangelism

We seek to grow in *size* through evangelistic outreach as we take the message of Jesus' death and resurrection to our local community and beyond.

Growing through Ministry

We seek to grow in *breadth* by extending our ministry through word and practical activity as we provide support and encouragement within our local community and beyond