

## HOME MISSION SERVICE OUTLINE

to use for a Sunday Service to explore the heart of Home Mission: Giving, Serving, and Growing Together



### AT A GLANCE

- This service can be used in part of whole
- Exploring the biblical founding for Home mission
- You may want to take up a special offering on this Sunday in addition to the churches annual 5% for Home Mission

### OPENING PRAYER

Lord God, thank You for calling us into a community of faith, where we can support, encourage, and serve one another. Teach us today about generosity, mission, and how we can be part of Your work in the world. Amen.

### INTRODUCTION

Home Mission within the Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB) has its roots in the early 20th century, notably with the establishment of the Ministerial Settlement and Sustentation Scheme in 1912. This initiative aimed to provide financial support to smaller churches unable to fully fund a minister's stipend, thereby ensuring the sustainability of ministry across diverse communities. [baptist.org.uk](http://baptist.org.uk)

Historically, Baptists have emphasized the importance of collective action in mission work. Individual churches recognized that collaborating through associations and societies was essential to effectively spread the Gospel. The formation of the Baptist Missionary Society in 1792 exemplifies this cooperative spirit, focusing on overseas mission. Similarly, the Baptist Home Missionary Society, established in 1797, concentrated on domestic evangelism, supporting itinerant preachers and strengthening local congregations.

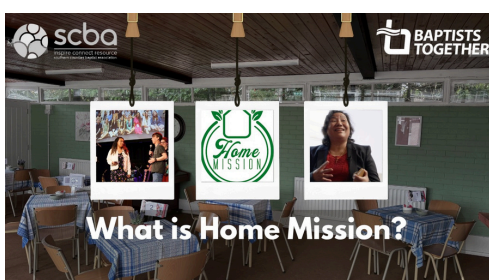
Today, Home Mission remains vital for Baptists as it embodies the collective effort to support and sustain ministry across the UK. By pooling resources, Baptist churches can ensure that even congregations with limited financial means receive the necessary support to maintain their ministries. This collaborative approach not only upholds the principle of mutual aid but also enhances the overall mission potential of Baptist communities, enabling them to effectively share God's love within their local contexts.

### HOME MISSION VIDEO

This video explains Home Mission, the financial giving system that supports the work of the Baptist movement across the UK. Hayley, a representative from the Southern Counties Baptist Association, outlines how Home Mission funding enables churches, chaplains, pioneers, and missional communities to flourish.

It emphasises that giving to Home Mission directly enables churches and ministries to spread the gospel, serve communities, and bring wholeness through Christ. Viewers are encouraged to learn more, get involved, and give generously to support this shared mission.

You can download the [video here](#)



# INTERCESSIONS

Loving and Generous God,  
We gather today as Your Church, united in worship and mission. On this Home Mission Sunday, we thank You for the privilege of giving, the joy of serving, and the blessing of growing together in faith and love.  
Lord, we thank You for the gift of giving.  
You have called us to be cheerful givers, sowing seeds of generosity so that Your Kingdom may flourish. May our offerings—whether small or great—be used to strengthen churches, support leaders, and reach communities with the good news of Jesus. Teach us to give with open hearts, trusting that You will provide all that is needed for Your work to continue.  
Lord, we thank You for the call to serve.  
You have equipped each of us with gifts, talents, and time to be used for Your glory. May we be faithful stewards, using our hands to care for the broken, our voices to speak truth and love, and our lives to reflect Christ in all we do. We pray for those leading Home Mission projects, pioneers stepping out in faith, and chaplains offering hope in difficult places—fill them with strength, wisdom, and courage.  
Lord, we thank You for the blessing of growing together.  
As one body in Christ, we share in both joys and struggles, knowing that we are stronger together. We pray for churches, ministers, and mission teams supported by Home Mission—may they flourish, bear fruit, and bring transformation to the communities they serve. May we continue to grow in unity, faith, and love as we walk this journey together.  
Father, send Your Spirit to guide us in how we can play our part—through our prayers, our giving, and our service. May Home Mission be a channel of Your grace, reaching people with the love and hope of Christ. We dedicate this day, this mission, and our lives to You. May Your Kingdom come, and Your will be done, in our churches, in our communities, and throughout the world.  
In the mighty name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS & HYMNS

- Build Your Kingdom Here" (Rend Collective) *A lively song calling for revival and God’s Kingdom to be established through His Church.*
- "I Will Follow" (Chris Tomlin) *A commitment to follow Jesus wherever He leads in mission and service.*
- "Mission’s Flame" (Matt Redman) *A passionate cry to be consumed by God’s heart for mission and outreach.*
- "God of Justice" (Tim Hughes) *A challenge to live out our faith through acts of justice and mission.*
- "O Church, Arise" (Keith & Kristyn Getty) *A modern hymn calling the Church to stand boldly in mission and service.*
- "Take My Life and Let It Be" (Frances R. Havergal) *A hymn of dedication, offering our time, tithes, and talents to God’s service.*
- "Here I Am, Lord" (Dan Schutte) *A call to mission, responding to God's sending us into the world to serve.*
- "Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You" (Richard Gillard) *A beautiful hymn about serving one another in humility and love.*

# SERMON OUTLINE: THE POWER OF GIVING: PATNERING IN GOD’S MISSION

**Key Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-8: "God loves a cheerful giver."

## Introduction

- Start with a story or testimony about how generosity has transformed a church or mission project. *Home Mission stories can be found on [our website here](#)*
- Introduce Home Mission as a practical example of how collective giving supports national, regional, and local churches.

### 1. Giving as a Kingdom Investment *2 Corinthians 9:6-8.*

- Biblical principle of generosity – we give not out of obligation but out of love.
- Home Mission enables churches, chaplains, and pioneers to spread the gospel and support leaders.
- Challenge the congregation: Are we giving joyfully and sacrificially?

### 2. Partnering in Mission: The Church as One Body *1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 26-27*

- Home Mission reflects the unity of the Church – different churches, but one mission.
- Every church and individual has a role—some give, some serve, some lead.
- Ask: How can we work together to strengthen mission both locally and nationally?

### 3. Supporting Leaders and Expanding Ministry *Ephesians 4:11-13*

- Home Mission funds training, mentoring, and church leadership development.
- We need to support and equip those whom God has called.
- Encourage prayer and financial support for leaders and mission workers.

### 4. Going Beyond Our Church Walls *Matthew 28:19-20*

- Mission is not just inside the church—it's about reaching people where they are.
- Home Mission grants help churches plant, grow, and innovate in outreach.
- Challenge: What is our church doing to bring Christ to our community?

### Conclusion & Call to Action

- Reiterate Home Mission's impact.
- Challenge the congregation:
- Pray for Home Mission-supported ministries.
- Consider giving financially or volunteering.
- Ask: How is God calling you to support His mission?

**Closing Prayer:** Ask God to stir hearts for generosity, unity, and mission.

## BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and keep you,

May He fill your heart with generosity, your hands with service, and your spirit with growth in His love.

As you go from this place, may you be a light in your community, sharing Christ's love through your giving, your serving, and your living.

May the work of Home Mission continue to flourish,

May lives be transformed, and may the Church grow strong in faith, unity, and purpose.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and always. Amen.

