

The Baptist Union Loan Fund and Cirencester Baptist Church

(Updated June 2017)

In March 2015 the BUC Directors agreed a record loan of £1.5m for Cirencester Baptist Church to assist with the provision of new premises for the church. Later that year an additional £800,000 short-term loan was agreed pending the sale of their existing premises.

This church began life in 1651 meeting in someone's home. As the congregation grew they built their first chapel in the 18th century and then a much larger chapel in 1853. 20 years ago the church hall was extended and refurbished - but still the church kept growing! In 2011 they moved their largest Sunday service to a local secondary school to accommodate the numbers. Whilst hiring a school hall had been a good short-term solution, it couldn't provide them with the permanent home they needed to sustain their vision of glorifying God through continued growth and offering increased services and help to the wider community.

In September 2014 they purchased an old sports and social club and, a year later, work began to demolish the building and create the new one. In January 2017 they were able to move into their new premises.

In their own words...

We're in! After years of looking, praying and planning - CBC moved into our new home in January 2017.

And it works - all the facilities in our new home are working so much better than in our old building. Best of all, large numbers of new people have started coming to church, to youth club, to toddler group - and many new local groups have started using our building for their gatherings.

Easter Sunday 2017 was the largest service in our 370 year history - with over 450 people here.

We are amazed at the generosity of people that is making this possible. The support of the Baptist Union Loan Fund and the Baptist Building Fund has been at the heart of this adventure - thank you. (Matt Frost, Senior Pastor)



To find out more visit the church's own website: <http://www.cirencester-baptist.org/newbuilding>

For more information about the Baptist Union Loan Fund go to www.baptist.org.uk/loans

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