

# History of Oasis Christian Fellowship (Telford)

After they had lost everything due to a business decision, Rev. Dr Anthony Botfield and Rev. Mrs Josie Botfield devoted themselves to the service of God. They were part of a group devoted Christians who were traveling from Telford to Bloxwich both in the West Midlands to attend meetings of fellow believers with the Rev. Andy Wall Ministries every Sunday evening. After a period of having attended these meetings that they were approached by Andy Wall to start a church in Telford. At the ages of 61 years and 59 years respectively, this was going to be a big challenge, however, Dr and Mrs Botfield full of love for God and his work took on the challenge without hesitation and Grace international was born as a result.

Grace International was one of the very first Pentecostal churches to start in Telford. The first meeting of Grace International started at the Holiday Inn at Southwater in Telford on 20th May 2000. Over a period of six years, the church grew spiritually and numerically. The membership was made up of believers from all cultures and backgrounds all with a zeal for their God. In 2006 the name was changed to Oasis Christian Fellowship. The name came about following a revelation from the Lord given to Rev. Mrs Botfield.

Oasis Christian Fellowship moved to a bigger venue at the Progress House in Stirchley, Telford after six years of worshipping at the holiday Inn. The church held its services at the Progress House for nine years. Due to the proposed development of the site of the Progress House, the church moved to the Stirchley Leisure Centre. After about three years at the leisure centre, another proposed development of the site meant, Oasis Christian Fellowship had to find a new home. The Dawley Baptist Church were approached to ask if the church could use their premises on Sunday afternoons. As a result of the goodness of God and the kindness of the Dawley Baptist church, Oasis Christian Fellowship had a place to worship.

Having had a good nine months of wonderful time at the Baptist Church, the word from God given to Rev. Dr Botfield was fulfilled. In 2017, the word was from 2 Samuel 7:10 "Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them anymore, as beforetime". Oasis Christian Fellowship (Telford) was able to acquire its own place of worship at Stafford Park 15, in Telford which is where the church currently worships. Dr Botfield leaved to see this word fulfilled before he was called to be with the Lord.

Oasis Christian Fellowship currently run under a trustee system lead by Rev. Mrs Botfield who is also the head pastor.