

## The Baptist Union Loan Fund and Saltash Baptist Church, Cornwall

There has been a Baptist presence in Saltash since the late 18<sup>th</sup> Century – but their modern day history starts at 1987 when the old church building was burnt down. The then congregation of around 20 people took the leap of faith to call a new minister and look to building a new church on the location.



This happened and over the next twenty years the church grew, both in number and in its understanding of its mission in the community.

In 2013 the church called a new Minister but as they didn't own a Manse they needed to rent a house for him and his family. The following year they decided to buy their own Manse with the help of the BU Loan Fund.

### In their own words...

With a new minister coming to the church and the previous minister owning their own property we had some decisions to make. We started by renting, but certainly found the type of properties we could afford to rent were not entirely adequate for a manse and we also felt that we were wasting money each month.

With the help of the Baptist family we were able to quite quickly see that our monthly payments would go a lot farther in terms of the type of property we could get, the church made sure we had enough deposit and the application was accepted speedily.

From viewing the property for the first time our new minister was in the new manse within 7 weeks!



To find out more about this church visit their website: <http://www.saltashbaptist.co.uk/>

For more information about the Baptist Union Loan Fund go to [www.baptist.org.uk/loans](http://www.baptist.org.uk/loans) or contact the BU Loan Fund Officer at Baptist House