

Amesbury Methodist Church Mission Statement

Accepted at the 14 June 2023 Church Council - to be reviewed annually and at each Church Council to reflect as to how we are doing.

We believe in a Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ.

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. It does this through:

WORSHIP

Increasing awareness of God's presence and to give thanks for and to celebrate God's love.

LEARNING & CARING

Helping people to grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care.

SERVICE

Being a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice.

EVANGELISM

Making more followers of Jesus Christ.

To be a good neighbour to people in need, to challenge injustice and to be friends with people of other cultures and faiths.

To show and tell the good news of Jesus Christ, to make more followers for Him.

To help people grow and learn as Christians through teaching, spiritual development, mutual support and care:

- *continue and develop our current pastoral care system;*
- *train and nurture and encourage pastoral visitors in their work;*
- *encourage informal gatherings and fellowship groups to help people to get to know one another better;*
- *support our young people, the Junior Church and the Girls Brigade;*
- *encourage existing small groups e.g. Bible study groups;*
- *look at new ways in which we can enhance the spiritual development of the congregation and the community.*

To build partnerships with other churches and groups who share some of our mission aims:

- *work with the other churches in Amesbury;*
- *support our Circuit and its churches.*

To increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love in worship:

- *hold regular Sunday morning worship at 10.30am;*
- *hold seasonal invitational services such as All Souls, Carol Service and GB Parades;*
- *develop our online profile and outreach.*