

WERRINGTON METHODIST CHURCH
MISSION POLICY

Our church exists to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate His love. God's mission and sharing the Gospel, must be central to all our plans.

To help us we must :-

- 1 (a) Recognise and develop the talents of our congregation and use them, as appropriate, to share the Gospel Message and to help us all grow as Christians.
(b) Ensure that strangers do not remain strangers by applying the three 'B's - Befriend, Belong, Believe.
(c) Provide opportunities for prayer and learning through fellowship and study groups.
(d) Support all church-based initiatives, particularly those which attract the wider community.
(e) Work evangelically beyond our accepted remit.
(f) Provide Christian support for other organisations which use our premises.
- 2 Enforce clear safeguarding policies for all users of our building.
- 3 (a) Identify challenges facing our church and seek viable solutions.
(b) Set targets for growth which we think are beyond our capabilities and then, through prayer and effort, strive to achieve them.
- 4 (a) Maintain all aspects of our building and its fixtures and fittings in good condition to provide a warm, comfortable and welcoming atmosphere.
(b) Maintain financial probity and accountability.
- 5 (a) Continue to work as part of the wider Methodist Church.
(b) Fulfil our commitments to the Stoke-on-Trent North Circuit.
(c) Be prepared to support other churches in their work and mission.
- 6 Continue to work ecumenically with our Anglican Brothers and Sisters in Christ at St. Philip's Church.
- 7 (a) Discover the needs of the community and, if it is within our power, respond accordingly in the name of our Lord.
(b) Be prepared to use whatever resources we have available to take action against poverty wherever we identify it.
- 8 Review and revise this policy as necessary.