

**Whitemoor Methodist Church Mission Statement 2013**  
*'A Christian witness in the community'*

"The Calling of the Methodist Church is to be a Discipleship Movement shaped for Mission"... and the people called Methodists - Rev Martyn Atkins.

The calling of Whitemoor Methodist Church is to respond to the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ, and live out its discipleship in worship, mission and service to people of all ages and abilities, working with other Christians as much as possible.

**Our Priorities**

**In Worship** - to increase an awareness of God's presence, celebrating His love through worship, word and action.

**In Learning and Caring** - to encourage Christian discipleship through Bible study, learning from one another and growing in faith; and encourage all Christians to care for one another, people in the community and themselves.

**In Service** - to serve the local global community through prayer and action, in obedience to Christ's call.

**In Evangelism** - to enable Christians to share and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Worship**

***Jesus said 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only Him.' Matthew 4:11***

We will respond to our calling by:

- Supporting the training and development of Local Preachers, Worship Leaders and others;
- Offering to the communities around us safe places for worship and acceptance;
- Facilitating the worship of God in places other than our buildings;
- Helping people have a greater awareness of God's awesome presence, and to experience His loving comfort, especially through Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals;
- Enabling prayer to be an offering to God and a blessing to others.

**Learning and Caring**

***Jesus said 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Mark 12:31***

We will respond to our calling by:

- Providing discipleship opportunities for all Christians, enabling them to grow in their learning and in their spiritual formation;
- Providing pastoral care for all in our churches and communities;
- Creating opportunities for those outside the faith of the Church to learn more about the Christian faith.

**Service**

***Jesus said 'Anyone who wants to be first must be last, and the servant of all.' Mark 9:35***

We will respond to our calling by:

- Providing welcoming, warm and well-maintained, suitable premises to give space and opportunity for church and community activities;
- Giving generously of time and money for God's work in the Church and in the world;
- Working for justice and peace for everyone, caring for creation and providing a welcome to all.

**Evangelism**

***Jesus said 'Go and make disciples.' Matthew 28:19***

We will respond to our calling by:

- Helping all Christians to have more confidence to share their faith with others;
- Engaging in mission activities both inside and outside our buildings;
- Providing opportunities for people to explore the Bible and Christian faith.

### **To fulfil this mission we will**

1. Analyse our resources of people, property and finance, and use them in ways that will most effectively further the work of God in the church and community.
2. Produce a mission strategy that is Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timetabled (SMART) by August 2013.
3. Encourage work that is ecumenical, people centred, flexible and innovative.
4. Review this mission statement in 2016.

### **Notes on Methodism, Charity Commission and Legal issues.**

There are certain legal and constitutional issues to be acknowledged:

- Trustees must ensure that they always act within the Charity's powers and objects and in accordance with its rules and procedures.
- Trustees must ensure that they comply with Charity Law and should as a matter of best practice comply with and follow any applicable codes of practice.
- Trustees of Registered Charities are regulated by the Charity Commission and must ensure that annual accounts, reports and returns are filed within the applicable deadlines and that they comply with the Charity Commission orders and rules.
- Trustees must also comply with other requirements of the Law (eg. Property Law, HM Revenue and Customs etc.)