



Our Vision: All are welcome and all are working together to make God more relevant in our community					
Our Aim is to be: A cohesive, caring, growing church community, who learn, worship and witness to the love of God.					
We will be a church that.... (these are our priorities)	LIVING FAITH	FRIENDSHIP	JUSTICE SEEKING	A WELCOME FOR ALL	RESOURCES FOR MISSION
	Inspires people to grow in their faith, so together we create a worshipping community aware of God’s presence and responding to his love.	Deepens our relationships with one another. Building a supportive, caring church family.	Listens deeply to the needs of our neighbours (both locally and globally) and acts with compassion and justice.	Offers warm, accessible, welcoming spaces to create a place where loneliness is eased, wellbeing is strengthened, and community is built.	Cares for our building as part of caring for our community and our planet. We will maintain safe, warm, accessible spaces and manage our resources wisely.
By.....	- Encouraging participation of all ages in Sunday worship. - Continuing Sunday Club, 3Generate group, support for uniformed organisations and regular All Age Worship. - Offering a range of resources and styles to enhance worship. e.g. Taizé and Praise@6. - Sustaining high quality music by continuing the church choir, maintaining the church organ and paying assistant organist. Encouraging use of band when appropriate. - Deepening faith in house groups, monthly prayer gathering, and annual Lent study.	- Encouraging everybody to help as well as be helped. - Finding out what our congregation wants and what skills they can bring. - Caring for one another through pastoral support. - Providing spaces for conversation and friendship e.g. Saturday Café, Tea & Chat. - Maintaining a pattern of regular social gatherings. - Sharing news via the church magazine, weekly sheet, and social media. - Deepening relationships with each other in house groups, monthly prayer gathering, and annual Lent study.	- Continuing to learn from and support world issues through: Action for Children, All We Can, Christian Aid, Eco Church Fairtrade JMA, and specific campaigns. - Engaging with justice issues through prayer, learning, and action.	- Providing attractive, accessible facilities for community use. - Enabling groups that promote wellbeing through activities beyond those that church members alone can offer. - Providing welcoming hospitality through Saturday Café, Tea & Chat and other gatherings. - Actively marketing the premises to increase weekday use and income. - Fostering links with local groups.	- Exploring ways to ‘turn our building inside out’ - using our premises for mission, increasing outreach into the community and helping the church to grow - Continuing our work to make our premises fully accessible, warm and weathertight - Taking measures to lower environmental impact. - Improving signage - Providing an annual 5-year financial forecast - Monitoring income and expenditure - Ensuring we comply with Methodist guidance and Charity Law.
People involved in these activities include....	- Minister - Sunday helpers - Local Preachers - Worship Development Group	- Minister - Pastoral Committee - After service coffee - Communications Co-ordinator	- Minister - Leadership team	- Saturday Café - Property committee - Lettings Administrator - Communications Co-ordinator	- Property committee - Finance committee - Building users?
Priorities for 2026/27	- To encourage young people to take part in services e.g. readings, on the AV desk. - To review Praise@6 and think about starting ‘breakfast church’ - To run an Alpha course	To re-start a programme of activities for the Inbetweeners group (possibly including an Alpha course).	- To discuss with Zink about offering micro jobs. - To follow up with JPIT about joining the Constituency Action Network		- To explore how to be an ‘inside out church’ - To talk to our users about how they may be involved, e.g. as property stewards and maintenance volunteers
This plan will be resourced by: Paid Staff and Volunteers Voluntary Giving; Fund Raising; Grants; Church, Circuit & District funds. Thoughtful stewardship of finances and premises					
Everything will be within our commitment to safeguarding as an integral part of church life and ministry					
Our mission is rooted in prayer, discernment, and openness to God’s leading.					