



Wealdstone **Methodist** Church

Mission Plan 2024

Our Mission Plan is based on the Methodist Church *Our Calling* statements.

Our Calling

- Worship
- Learning and Caring
- Service
- Evangelism

This plan outlines the main activities that the church plans to carry out during the next 12 – 18 months.

The agreed actions will be monitored by the Church Council to see if they are having the desired effect. They will modify or change the plan in the light of what happens or when new needs arise, so that there is always a plan in place.

1. Worship

The main services of worship are on Sunday mornings.

1. We will maintain the current variety of formats and preachers at Sunday services. We will continue with occasional Café Worship, Taizé services, “Songs of Praise” services and services that highlighting the work of specific charities.
2. The Worship Forum will meet once or twice a year to consider matters relating to worship.
3. We will continue to encourage and train people to do the Bible readings and especially to lead prayers.
4. We will try to form a group of people who would help with planning and participating in Local Arrangement services.
5. We will hold Mid-week Communion services approximately once per month and try to encourage greater attendance.

2. Learning and Caring

We will care for and support members and adherents through the Pastoral Care system and by offering learning opportunities

1. Pastoral care will include offering communion services to the housebound at home.
2. We will encourage “lifelong learning” about our faith through discussion groups such as the monthly Bible Study meetings.
3. We will welcome children and young people and if possible restart Young Church. We will consider what we can do to retain the interest of younger adults who have sometimes started attending our services but have not continued longer term.
4. We will advertise and participate in interfaith events.

3. Service

We will continue to provide services to the local community.

1. The Friendship Café will continue on Wednesdays. We will continue to encourage more church people to attend and interact with attendees and volunteers.
2. We will continue to sponsor and support the Baby Bank which is providing much needed support to local families.
3. We will continue to run and support the Toddlers Group, which will meet twice weekly.
4. We will continue with Saturday Coffee Mornings and Carol Singing as well as special collections and other fund raising events to support charities such as *Christian Aid* and *Action for Children*.
5. We will publish a quarterly Newsletter as a means of communicating news and notices to the congregation and the wider community.
6. We will continue to be a *Fair Trade* Church and support *Fairtrade*.
7. Where possible, we will continue to let the premises to local organisations, in accordance with our "Use of Premises" policy. Lettings provide income but they are also opportunities for interacting with the community, getting to know them and showing support.
8. We will continue to let the premises to the *LifeSpring* church. We will work together with them, both on worship arrangements and property matters, and hold occasional joint services.

4. Evangelism

We will train ourselves for evangelism by participating in the *Worship* and *Learning* activities in this plan. Then we will try to do more of expressing God's love by welcoming people, engaging and sharing with them and offering mutual support, especially when carrying out the *Caring* and *Service* activities in the plan.

1. Members will be encouraged to look for opportunities in their daily, personal life to informally speak to people about their faith or invite them to church events, especially the Christmas events.
2. We will try to present ourselves to the world outside as a lively, attractive and welcoming Christian community that it would be good to belong to.
3. We will encourage church members to meet and interact with other users of the premises, especially the people who come to events such as Friendship Café, Toddlers, Baby Bank, Saturday Coffee Mornings and the *LifeSpring* church.
4. We will invite Toddlers' parents and carers, Friendship Café, uniformed groups and other church users to church events, especially the Christmas and Easter events and services.
5. We will use the new church web site as a means of sharing our faith and church life with the public.