



The Methodist Church

Salford Circuit (19/03) [Mission Statement & Mission Policy]

Mission statement:

We are the Methodist people of God in the Salford Circuit
part of the Manchester and Stockport District.

The mission of the Salford Circuit is to increase awareness of God's presence
and celebrate God's love.

It will achieve this through **Worship**, **Learning and Caring**, **Service** and **Evangelism**.

Our vision is for a Christ-centred circuit of vibrant, growing churches supporting each other in
expressing God's love and sharing it with others.

WORSHIP

*Worship is central to the life of the Christian community and the individual Christian, as it enriches
challenges and encourages us in all that we do.*

Worship leaders have been trained and recognised in some of our churches.

There is a need to encourage more people to train to become accredited as Local Preachers.

A need to equip more people to lead Local Arrangement Services.

The Circuit will under-pin everything we do with worship and prayer.

WE WILL DO THIS BY:

1. The Circuit will engage with churches to offer styles of worship which are diverse, inclusive and relevant. We will achieve this through prayers, liturgies, meditation, music, drama, symbols, rituals and creative ideas.
2. We will embrace and explore worship at different times other than Sundays.
3. We will seek to explore a Circuit Prayer and Praise meeting.

LEARNING AND CARING

To encourage growth and care in the Christian faith

1. The Circuit will help people to grow and learn through our mutual support and care, and through study and reflection.
2. The Circuit will provide pastoral care for all people at all stages of their life.
3. We will actively explore the setting up of a worship space for quiet reflection and prayer or a quiet day.
4. Reviewing the work and care of older people.
5. Access both internal and external expertise to provide support for all those in any kind of need.
6. Ensuring we provide a safe and welcoming space for all within our churches.

SERVICE

*To seek to serve the worldwide community
through prayer and action.*

The Circuit will support community development and action for justice, especially among the most deprived and poor in local communities.

We will support environmentally friendly projects and initiatives to support climate change.

WE WILL DO THIS BY:

1. We will actively support local Foodbanks.
2. We will explore with churches and individuals to help them to commit resources to meet local and global needs.

EVANGELISM

The church exists to make more followers of Jesus Christ.

The Circuit will develop confidence in evangelism and in the capacity to speak of God and faith in ways that make sense to all involved.

WE WILL DO THIS BY:

- Each church to identify areas for Mission and Outreach opportunities
- A Circuit Grant to help with new projects or Fresh Expressions of Church.

Aspirations for the future period

- Churches to be encouraged to develop their own mission policy and to look at ways to encourage new growth.
- Where several churches are serving in close geographical areas, they are to further explore **what distinctive roles they can each play** and how they support each other and most importantly focus their available resources on mission
- The circuit will explore use of **social media and other technology** to aid better communication, sharing of ideas and successes, events etc and to help finance new technology with the right training to use it

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

We will:

1. Establish the needs of children and young peoples' work
2. Encourage all churches to develop links with local schools
3. Network with other group leaders and develop a passion for children's work
4. Provide support including financial support for churches wishing to run annual holiday clubs and Messy Church

THE CIRCUIT LEADERSHIP TEAM

1. Members of the Circuit Leadership Team will explore defined roles to enable them to support the functions of the Circuit.
2. The Circuit leadership Team will meet bi-monthly to pray together and monitor the progress of the Mission Policy.
3. The Circuit Leadership Team will seek outside help and expertise to enable them to fulfil the requirements of the Mission Policy.
4. We will be good stewards, using our finances to implement the priorities of the Mission Policy.

This policy was put together by the Circuit Leadership Team

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