

SIDWELL STREET METHODIST CHURCH

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Helping every person to believe in Jesus, belong to the Christian family, become a disciple and serve our community

OUR VISION

- * To nurture and nourish the faith of the worshipping community by exploring through shared fellowship the call to discipleship of Jesus Christ through learning, outreach and service.
- * To welcome all to worship God in a safe, accessible and loving environment
- * To develop and engage in Mission and Ministry that contributes to the needs of the whole church, the community of Exeter's City centre and the wider world.

OUR AIMS

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- * To nourish the faith of our congregation through Bible study and prayer and to nurture a sense of calling using our God given gifts.
- * To continue to support our Pastoral System.
- * To support fellowship services
- * To be active disciples for Jesus Christ by strengthening our relationship with the Circuit, the Exeter Methodist churches and our ecumenical partners.

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- * To continue to provide a warm personal welcome to all regardless of personal circumstances
- * To ensure members are trained and familiar with safeguarding procedures
- * To develop further the music, drama and other creative arts; increase the use of multi-media in our current worship and explore opportunities for different styles of worship on different days viewing our neighbourhood as an extension of our pulpit.
- * To promote our interpreted services for the deaf community

- * To expand the use of fellowship services encouraging lay people to take leadership roles
- * To facilitate and encourage other Christian groups to develop their witness within our community (Malayalam, Network, Love the Street) and to use the premises so that the building becomes a Christian Centre every day of the week.

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- * To work closely with Exeter Network Church over the sale / expand the use of the church buildings and explore new opportunities to extend mission.
- * To engage in outreach and service in our local community and extend our efforts to develop a community focus in Sidwell Street
- * To ensure we redistribute the time currently spent on maintenance responsibilities towards our mission activities.
- * To continue to provide and develop new social activities that encourage people into the life of our fellowship.
- * To explore new forms of worship midweek and offer hospitality and fellowship to those outside the church.
- * To consult with the District Evangelism Enabler to further these aims.

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This Mission Statement addresses current Circuit guidance.

'The calling of the Exeter, Coast and Country Circuit is to respond to God's love in Jesus, by sharing our lives through Christian Discipleship in worship, mission and service'.