

# St Paul's Methodist Centre, Aberystwyth

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OUR CALLING: POLICY & ACTION PLAN

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# St Paul's Methodist Centre, Aberystwyth: Our Calling

## **The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.**

In a Covid-19 world, and looking towards what it means to be the church in a post-Covid, context this document represents work in progress towards a new mission policy and action plan for St Paul's Methodist Centre, Aberystwyth. The document was initially prepared by Revd Peter Barber in preparation for taking pastoral responsibility for St Paul's for twelve months from September 2020. It has been shared with and worked upon by the Church Stewards and soundings have been taken from a small group of people. The Church Council considered, made small amendments and adopted the document at its meeting on 14 September 2020. The document is now being shared with the church community and progress will be reported on a quarterly basis. The Church Council recognised that flexibility will be needed as we continue to minister and mission in a Covid context.

### **Community Context**

St Paul's Methodist Centre is located in the town of Aberystwyth. Major employers in the town are the University of Aberystwyth, Bronglais hospital, the National Library of Wales and Welsh Government offices. The town is a centre for work and culture drawing people in from mid West Wales. Its population is enhanced by the influx of students and visitors throughout the year.

The Centre, on the corner of Bath Street and Queens Road, is close to the seafront and the shopping and banking centre of the town. It is a modern building with full accessibility for people living with disabilities. It has a variety of rooms of differing sizes, and a modern well equipped kitchen that can serve into the concourse and/or the main hall on the ground floor. A lift, as well as stairs, provide access to the rooms on the first floor. One room on the first floor has a sink and facilities for making hot drinks. All rooms offer flexible space. The building has been used by a whole variety of community groups, some with strong links and involvement of church members and others simply as 'outside bookings', and it is anticipated that such usage will be further developed as Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

### **Church Context**

The church members are drawn from a wide variety of backgrounds from many parts of the world. Within the church you will find a mixture of Welsh and English speakers with many Welsh learners as well as members and students from around the world working or studying at the University and in NHS. We strive to be an inclusive church offering a welcome to all, and an openness to all to bring and offer their gifts, creating a community that seeks to model our understanding of the Kingdom of God. Worship is available in either the Welsh or English language and there are occasional bilingual services. We are part of the wider community of the town and surrounding villages where we seek to live out our calling as the disciples of Jesus.

Drawing from our Methodist tradition, enriched by other parts of the wider Church, we seek to shape our common life around the ***Our Calling Statement of the Methodist Church***. During the coming year we are framing this around ***A Methodist Way of Life*** launched at the on-line Methodist Conference of 2020 (see appendix 1).

This document shall consider the four facets of ***Our Calling*** and ***A Methodist Way of Life***, referencing each to

1. what was happening pre lockdown in late March 2020

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2. during lockdown
3. looking to life as restrictions begin to ease during the second half of 2020 and the first half of 2021
4. **January 2021** (a new section added as part of the update in January 2021)
5. September 2021 onwards

Work and comments in **blue** indicate actions taken since the original policy was adopted in September 2020 and in **red** actions that form Phase Two

All of this is done within the context of seeking to be a safe and inclusive church working within the Methodist Church's Safeguarding and Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity policies.

This introduction and each of the four Our Calling sections will be followed by a suggested Action Plan Phase One (to end of 2020).

## Action Plan Phase One

**The Our Calling: Policy and Action Plan was presented to and adopted by the Church Council in September 2020. It was subsequently shared with the whole church with a copy emailed to every member and a copy published on the Circuit Website.**

**The action plan has shaped our common life since. The Covid-19 Pandemic has lasted longer than was anticipated and at the point of this update (January 2021) we are experiencing the third wave and currently Wales is in a period of significant lockdown since 20 December 2021.**

**A significant task that has been accomplished, and is nearly completed, is the clearing of the two office rooms at St Paul's. There remain some tasks to complete – weeding the filing cabinets, purchase of a new safe for the Marriage Registers, equipping the second office to recording and editing work to aid our online ministry.**

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**Worship: The Church exists to increase awareness of God's presence and celebrate God's love**

**Methodist Way of Life: As far as we are able, with God's help:**

- **We will pray daily.**
- **We will worship with others regularly.**
- **We will look and listen for God in Scripture, and the world.**

## 1. Pre lockdown

- a. Sunday morning worship in two parallel services
  - i. English: usually led by worship group, with parallel activities for children and young people. Adults, Young People & Children totalling 50+ on any one Sunday
  - ii. Welsh: accompanied by organ.
- b. Wednesday early morning (7:30am) Communion & breakfast
- c. Sunday evenings (not every week)
  - i. Occasional Taize service
  - ii. Occasional Series, e.g.
    - a) Climate Change & the Purposes of God (Aug/Sept 2019)
    - b) Dinner Church: Theme - Listening to God (6 weeks Oct/Nov 2019)
    - c) Lent Series: Neglected Nuggets of the OT (Lent 2020)
- d. Messy Church – approximately every other month on a Saturday

## 2. Lockdown

- a. Weekly recorded Sunday service
  - i. English
  - ii. Welsh (April-July weekly, September onwards monthly) [this became occasional](#)
  - iii. 70-80 unique viewers each week YouTube (n.b. viewers = unique ip addresses)
  - iv. 80-120 unique viewers FaceBook (n.b. as above)
- b. Audio CD of recorded Sunday service delivered to those with no computer access
- c. Young People's Zoom – either on a Sunday or another day of the week – [on going](#)
- d. Pointers to activities specifically geared to children via the notices and church's FaceBook page produced weekly – [on going](#)
- e. Weekly Wednesday early morning Spiritual Communion via Zoom (May, June & twice monthly September) – [this continues twice monthly](#)
- f. Monthly Sunday evening Love Feast via Zoom (May & June) – [a series of Evening Prayers have been developed: Saints & Seasons, Advent, Christmas, Covenant. Each new one is 'launched' with a live Zoom which is followed with a recorded YouTube version.](#)
- g. Weekly Circuit Prayer Sheet distributed via email across the Circuit (available in English and Welsh) – [this continues](#)
- h. Wales Synod Zoom prayer events two Sunday evenings at the end of May at 8pm
- i. YouTube Messy Church – rather than physically meeting. – [YouTube Messy Church continues](#)

## 3. Emerging from lockdown – in the light of government and Methodist Church guidelines this is currently being discussed and includes the following possibilities:

- a. Pre-recorded or livestreamed Sunday morning service in English

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- i. Team to oversee
  - ii. Upgrade of IT facilities at St Paul's Centre in both the large hall and the octagon – a consultation visit was planned but due to the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave lockdowns was cancelled at the last minute
  - iii. Application to be made for funding towards equipment to enable the editing team to be expanded by having facilities at the church that can be used by additional volunteers
- b. Corporate act of worship at St Paul's Centre
    - i. English (may be livestreamed or recorded as above)
    - ii. Welsh
  - c. CD of Sunday morning worship delivered to those not accessing livestream or pre-recorded English service above.
  - d. Worship Pack given to all those who cannot access internet or CD version, once pack delivered will receive via the post each week a printed order of service using the pack plus a hard copy of the sermon (Circuit wide) – currently a small number of hardcopies of the entire service are given or sent to those needing them.
  - e. Junior Church & Young People's group beginning to meet again as permitted and providing groups for those still unable to meet physically – no groups have met physically to date
  - f. Music Group(s) – consult re going forward, keeping abreast of changing government guidelines
  - g. Weekly communion service:
    - i. Fortnightly simple communion service
    - ii. Development of corporate prayer times (midweek &/or Sunday)
  - h. Weekly Prayer Sheet as developed during lockdown
  - i. Prayer life development
    - i. Explore forms/methods of personal prayer as a result of conversations emerging from the introduction of the weekly prayer sheet at the beginning of lockdown
      - a) Saturday introduction half-days
      - b) Mid week teaching and 'practice' sessions
      - c) Online courses
- Currently the only developments have been via the weekly prayer sheet and the seasonal Evening Prayers.
- Two Zoom teaching and taster sessions planned (Feb 6 and Feb 18 @10:30-1200hrs) on developing patterns of personal prayer.
- ii. Offer the opportunity of personal prayer after Sunday morning services
- j. Sunday evening – launches of seasonal Evening Prayers (approx. every 4 to 6 weeks)
    - i. Working towards a monthly Taize service
    - ii. Working towards a monthly Music/Jazz Café service
    - iii. Occasional teaching series e.g. Advent & Lent
  - k. Messy Church (usually on a Saturday) possibly using outdoor venues when appropriate as well as online
    - i. Integrate more within the life of the church/circuit
      - a) Put on plan
      - b) Assign Pastoral Team member(s)
    - ii. Increase the team with aim of more frequent Messy Church

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- I. Worship life consultation and review in the spring of 2021 – [due to ongoing Covid restrictions delayed until late Spring or Summer if permitted](#)
4. September 2021 onwards – as per 3 above but shaped by the spring 2021 worship life consultation & review

## Action Plan Phase One

July/August 2020

1. Check where things are with the kitchen upgrade - [completed](#)
2. Consult with 'the team' producing the recorded services – [done and ongoing](#)
3. Draw up spec for upgrading technology for main hall and octagon & consultation with Managing Trustees. – [done and ongoing](#)
4. Keep updated with lockdown restrictions and easing - [ongoing](#)
5. Agree service format(s) for September to ensure that all feel a part of the St Paul's family whether worshipping on Sundays or midweek, in the building or online
  - a. Sunday
    - i. Morning
    - ii. Evening
  - b. Wednesday morning
  - c. Messy Church
  - d. Online

September

1. Plan and fix dates for Prayer Life development - [done](#)

October 2020

1. Plan Advent & Christmas in the light of Methodist Church and government guidelines to ensure there are opportunities for everyone to have access to worship whether within the building, online or outdoors

November 2020

1. Draw up Action Plan Phase Two – Christmas to Easter

## Action Plan Phase Two

**While restrictions are still in operation:**

- 1. Zoom sessions on Developing Personal Prayer Life (Sat Feb 6 & Thurs Feb 18)**
- 2. Zoom sessions on Listening to God through Scripture (Sat March 6 & Thurs March 18)**
- 3. Produce and share Lent Evening Prayer and special Evening Prayers for each night in Holy Week**
- 4. March Circuit Themed Preaching and parallel themed Wednesday evening Bible Study groups**
- 5. When restrictions permit arrange a visit for consultation on IT/AudioVisual upgrade**

**When restrictions are eased significantly**

- 1. Recommence midweek Communion Services**
- 2. Put in place opportunities for prayer post-services**

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**Learning and Caring: The Church exists to help people to grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care.**

**The Methodist Way of Life: as far as we are able, with God's help**

- **We will care for ourselves and those around us,**
- **We will learn more about our faith,**
- **We will practice hospitality and generosity.**

## 1. Pre lockdown

- Most members had a person nominated as their 'pastoral carer'
- Pastoral care of students came under the minister and a weekly gathering at the manse
- A need for additional pastoral 'carers'/visitors
- Occasional meeting of pastoral visitors
- Prayer chain
- Informal contacts and relationships that are a natural part of any church
- Junior Church – Sunday
- Young people's group – Sunday & weekend away
- Student work
  - Weekly term-time meeting at manse
  - Weekly fellowship group for Korean students
  - Exploring the development of a faith chaplaincy based on the campus
- Tuesday Friendship Group
- Learning occasions through the occasional services referred to under Worship section
- St Paul's Centre
  - Inclusive church, welcome and involvement
  - Hospitality & welcoming place (see also Service section)
    - church organised events using the building
    - community groups use of the building

## 2. Lockdown

- Attempt to place every member in a pastoral group
  - Regular contact with pastoral group by pastoral carer/visitor throughout lockdown – **ongoing, some gaps emerged**
  - Updating of the Church directory - **done**
  - Weekly notice sheet email distribution list enlarged by pastoral visitor encouraging their group to sign up - **ongoing**
    - Including pointing to resources - **ongoing**
  - Weekly Circuit Prayer Sheet to accompany the notices sheet - **ongoing**
    - Including pointing to prayer resources or methods of prayer
- Use of Zoom
  - Young people's activities - **ongoing**
  - Bible Study group(s) – **between 20 and 30 people attend each week**
- Informal contacts and relationships that are a natural part of any church

## 3. Emerging from lockdown – starting August/September

- Introduction of **A Methodist Way of Life** (see Appendix 1) – invite Revd Dr Roger Walton (Past President of the Conference & initiator of A Methodist Way of Life). – **due to**

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ongoing limitations of Covid the material was distributed to all people in the Directory with a Christmas Card and letter. A four week focus for the Weekly Prayer sheet taking each facet of the Methodist Way of Life.

- b. Development of a Pastoral Scheme – discussed with the Church Stewards and consultation with the pastoral carers/visitors has taken place
    - i. Identification of pastoral visitors
    - ii. Training of pastoral visitors
    - iii. Meeting for pastoral visitors every 4 to 6 weeks – consultation with current pastoral carers/visitors indicates bi-monthly or quarterly most appropriate
  - c. Review of the membership roll and the community roll - ongoing
    - i. As part of review ascertain how each person would like to receive regular communication and updates from the church
    - ii. Allocation of all members to a pastoral group
    - iii. Allocate, with permission, to a pastoral group(s) the members of the Messy Church congregation
    - iv. Allocation where appropriate, and with permission, of community roll members to a pastoral group
    - v. At least an annual membership & confirmation service using *A Methodist Way of Life* as a template for preparation groups (Zoom or face-to-face)
  - d. In the light of learning from lockdown develop a communication strategy with members and community roll (see c.i. above)
  - e. Small Groups for Bible Study, Fellowship and Pastoral Care. Where appropriate and possible using *A Methodist Way of Life* as a template
    - i. Continue with Zoom study group(s) – 20 to 30 people each week
    - ii. Establish face-to-face house group(s) when C-19 guidance permits
    - iii. Proactively encourage people to join a group – this was done in September and again in January
  - f. Student work
    - i. Become an affiliated church with the Student Christian Movement (SCM) - done
    - ii. Meeting point or gathering in line with University Covid-19 guidelines for students in autumn term
    - iii. Continue to participate in exploring setting up of campus chaplaincy
    - iv. Explore the possibility of a post-graduation Zoom group for students as they transition into new places and churches
  - g. Development of prayer life as per Worship section
  - h. Re-establish home communions for housebound – happened during the early autumn but had to stop as restrictions increased, so on hold until restrictions ease
  - i. As an expression of the practice of hospitality and generosity consider which groups will continue to use the centre, and how, as lockdown eases and what new groups/activities might use the centre as a base (see also Service section)
    - i. Review church organised groups
    - ii. Contact user groups – in hand, currently only 'self-help' groups allowed under the restrictions to use the building
4. September 2021 onwards
- a. Ongoing support and development of the Pastoral Scheme
  - b. Development and support of Zoom & House Group leaders/hosts
  - c. Review of *A Methodist Way of Life* one year on
  - d. Development of Student work in the light of what emerges post Covid-19

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## Action Plan Phase One

July/Aug 2020

1. Get list of all user groups and contact details - [done](#)
2. Complete update of Church Directory - [done](#)

September onwards 2020

1. Outline Pastoral Scheme - [ongoing](#)
  - a. Share scheme with Stewards
  - b. Identify potential Pastoral Visitors
  - c. Fix dates for Pastoral Visitors' Meetings & Training
  - d. Review membership and community roll
  - e. Allocate to groups
2. A Methodist Way of Life
  - a. Share outline with Stewards
  - b. Fix dates for sharing with whole church
  - c. Invitation to Roger Walton
3. Nurture
  - a. Zoom study group(s)
  - b. Plan Prayer Life Development as per Worship section action plan
4. Plan for Student engagement

October/November 2020

1. Prayer Life Development study – [as per Worship section](#)
  - a. Saturday half day
  - b. Midweek opportunities
  - c. Online opportunities
  - d. Post Service prayer
    - i. Identify team
    - ii. Agree how it will operate
2. Phased reopening of Centre (November onwards) – [limited opening for worship, building set out with appropriate signage and sanitisers](#)

November 2020

1. Draw up Action Plan Phase Two – Christmas to Easter
- 2.

## Action Plan Phase Two

**While restrictions are ongoing**

1. **Build on the ongoing things identified above**
2. **Items 1 to 3 under Action Plan Phase Two for the Worship Section**
  - a. **Zoom sessions on Developing Personal Prayer Life (Feb 6 & 18)**
  - b. **Zoom sessions on Listening to God through Scripture (March 6 & 18)**
  - c. **March Circuit Themed Preaching and parallel themed Wednesday evening Bible Study groups**
3. **Complete Pastoral review so that it is ready to action when the major restrictions are lifted**

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**Service: The Church exists to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice**

**A Methodist Way of Life: As far as we are able, with God's help:**

- **We will help people in our communities and beyond.**
- **We will care for creation and all God's gifts.**
- **We will challenge injustice.**

## 1. Pre-lockdown

- Oasis Café at St Paul's Centre open Tuesdays to Fridays
- Thursday Pay as You Feel Lunch
- Ecumenically sharing in
  - Jubilee Storehouse (FoodBank)
  - Night shelter for the homeless
  - The Hatch – providing main meals for homeless
- Methodist and other organisations
  - All We Can
  - Action for Children
  - MHA – including the local Hafan Y Waun
  - Christian Aid – including the local Christian Aid lunches
- Regular User Groups
  - A wide variety of groups
- Community Groups (occasional users)
  - A very wide range of groups, events, conferences, consultations
- Occasional Series (See Worship section) Climate Change & The Purposes of God
- Individual members actively involved & sometimes taking leadership roles in local groups, including
  - Samaritans
  - Age Concern
  - Talking Newspaper

## 2. Lockdown

- Centre used for a while, because of room to properly self-distancing, by small group making PPE gowns etc
- Individuals involved in
  - provision of meals for distribution via Hatch network - [ongoing](#)
  - Jubilee Storehouse - [ongoing](#)
- The PA acting as a link person to coordinate any need for help with shopping, collecting prescriptions etc – [less call currently but still offered](#)
- 7 week Zoom course *Radical Presence* from the Green Christian website.

## 3. Emerging from lockdown

- As per Service section:
  - Upgrade of the kitchen facilities ready for use as lockdown eases – [done](#)

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- ii. As an expression of the practice of hospitality and generosity consider which groups will continue to use the centre and how as lockdown eases, and what new groups/activities might use the centre as a base (see also Service section)
    - a) Review church organised groups
    - b) Contact user groups - [ongoing](#)
  - b. Particular attention given to
    - i. Oasis Coffee bar
    - ii. Pay as You Feel Lunch – [agreed priority, planned to open a simplified version on Tuesdays and Thursdays as soon as restrictions permitted](#)
  - c. The learning emerging from the *Radical Presence* course – how this shapes our activity moving forward
4. September 2021 onwards
- a. Shaped by what emerges as lockdown eases and new initiatives by the church and/or wider community

## Action Plan Phase One

August 2020

1. Check where up to with Kitchen refurbishment - [completed](#)
2. Plan deep cleaning and preparations needed for reusing the Centre - [completed](#)

September 2020

1. Oasis Café
  - a. Check with volunteers - [done](#)
  - b. Plan reopening - [ongoing](#)
2. Pay as You Feel Lunch
  - a. Check with volunteers – [done and begun to identify additional volunteers](#)
  - b. Consider alternative temporary venues if kitchen refurbishment not completed – [not necessary!](#)
  - c. Plan reopening – [currently being undertaken](#)

October 2020

1. What's emerging from the *Radical Presence* course?

November 2020

1. Draw up Action Plan Phase Two – Christmas to Easter

## Action Plan Phase Two

1. **Final prep for Pay As You Feel Café to open Tuesdays and Thursday**
2. **Assist self-help groups to recommence meeting**
3. **Managing Trustees Group agreed to an initial Eco Church audit**

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## Evangelism: The Church exists to make more followers of Jesus

### A Methodist Way of Life: as far as we are able with God's help:

- **We will speak of the love of God.**
- **We will live in a way that draws others to Jesus.**
- **We will share our faith with others.**

#### 1. Pre-lockdown

- As per Worship section
  - Messy Church
  - Occasional evening series such as Dinner Church
- Testimony within services of worship
- Town events having a stall with a focus that offers welcome and something of a sense of what the Gospel means
- As per Service section
  - Oasis Café
  - Pay as You Feel Lunch
- Christmas Carols at the Pub
- As individuals engage with a whole range of groups within the community from The Samaritans to the ParkRun

#### 2. Lockdown

- As per Worship section
  - YouTube services increased reach & engagement
  - Lockdown Messy Church
  - Monthly Zoom Love Feast including testimony
- Social media engagement of church & individuals (mainly FaceBook & Twitter)
- Local Preachers' Meeting exploration of how we might further use the resource of our Local Preachers beyond our current Sunday services.

#### 3. Emerging from lockdown – starting July onwards

- Review the lockdown digital reach
  - Determine post lockdown digital strategy for the church worship
  - Determine the social media strategy for the church
  - Resource implications (time, money, skills, upgrade of equipment)
- See Worship section on emerging from lockdown
- Explore and plan how St Paul's can help the mission at Llangeitho
- Revisit *Time to Talk of God* Conference Report of 2015 and plan **Talking of God** course (4 sessions) as part of the Learning & Caring section on A Methodist Way of Life
- Invite Trey Hall (Director of Evangelism & Growth for the Methodist Church) to lead a Church at Home Weekend spring, summer or autumn of 2021

#### 4. September 2021 onwards

- Build on what is emerging from 3 above

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## Action Plan Phase One

August/September

1. Consult on post lockdown & draw up policy and action plan for – happening but more as an offshoot of other things
  - a. digital strategy for worship
  - b. social media
  - c. website update
2. Draw up team to assist in the development of mission & ministry in Llangeitho
3. Check dates for Messy Church
4. Plan 'testimony' input into services

October

1. Plan Talking of God course – still to be actioned
  - a. Identify team to lead
  - b. Fix dates
  - c. Invite Trey Hall
2. Identify potential town events to engage with
  - a. Set up team
3. Advent & Christmas mission opportunities in the light of Covid situation
  - a. Town Christmas Lights Switch On – happened via Zoom but with input from some members of the church
  - b. Advertising campaign
  - c. Christingle Service – Zoom service, 20 screens and considerably more people participating than in previous years' live events
  - d. Carols in the Pub (currently Covid situation indicates unlikely this year) – couldn't happen
  - e. Drive-in Carols – proved impossible to set up as second Covid wave began to hit

November

1. Draw up Action Plan Phase Two – Christmas to Easter

## Action Plan Phase Two

**This aspect of Our Calling continues to be the one that receives least 'intentional' engagement with. That is not to say that we are not having a significant outreach ministry and effect.**

- 1. Plan Talking of God as per Action Plan One as a priority**
- 2. Include testimony within the OnLine services**
- 3. Online Church Community**
  - a. Pastoral care/development of those who will always be only part of the online community**
  - b. Zoom services, events for Lent, Holy Week and Easter with special reference to those who will not be able to be part of a gathered church meeting physically**
- 4. Be aware of and ready to respond as 'Town Events/Opportunities' emerge as restrictions are lifted.**

## APPENDIX 1

### A Methodist Way of Life

**The calling of the Methodist Church is to  
respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and  
to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.**

As far as we are able, with God's help:

#### **Worship**

- We will pray daily.
- We will worship with others regularly.
- We will look and listen for God in Scripture, and the world.

#### **Learning and Caring**

- We will care for ourselves and those around us.
- We will learn more about our faith.
- We will practise hospitality and generosity.

#### **Service**

- We will help people in our communities and beyond.
- We will care for creation and all God's gifts.
- We will challenge injustice.

#### **Evangelism**

- We will speak of the love of God.
- We will live in a way that draws others to Jesus.
- We will share our faith with others.

**May we be a blessing within and beyond God's Church,  
for the transformation of the world.**

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## A Methodist Way of Life

**A Methodist Way of Life encourages us to grow together.**

**Make time to discuss these questions regularly with others.**

### **Worship**

- What is the pattern of your prayer life?
- How easy or hard do you find it to pray?
- What has spoken to you recently in worship or in the Bible?
- When, lately, have you felt close to God or distant from God?

### **Learning and Caring**

- How have you practised generosity since we last met?
- How have you shown hospitality to others recently?
- How are you caring for yourself?
- How and what are you learning now?

### **Service**

- How are you seeking to serve others in your communities and beyond?
- What has helped or hindered you in your service of others?
- How are you caring for God's creation?
- How are you using God's gifts (including your financial resources)?
- What issues of injustice are you currently concerned about? What are you doing in response?

### **Evangelism**

- When was the last time you were able to talk about God?
- What opportunities to share your faith have there been since we last met?
- How have you responded to opportunities to share your faith?
- Is there anyone you might invite to consider Christian faith?

### **How can we support each other in our Way of Life commitments?**

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## APPENDIX 2

### Links

St Paul's Website: <http://www.ceredigionmethodists.org.uk/index.php/st-paul-s-methodist-centre-aberystwyth>

St Paul's FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsaber/>

Our Calling: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-church/our-calling/>

Evangelism & Growth Trey Hall: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/evangelism-growth/>

A Methodist Way of Life: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/life-and-faith/a-methodist-way-of-life/>

Talking of God: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/evangelism-growth/whole-life-discipleship/old-content/small-groups/resourcing-your-small-group/talking-of-god/>

Radical Presence: <https://radicalpresence.org.uk/>