

## **A Methodist Way of Life An Introduction**

In July we invited you to explore the “Methodist Way of Life”. Now we will explore in more detail what it means to be disciples of Jesus, as individuals, and as a Christian Church.

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:

So, in outline we will, over the coming months, consider four important areas.

### **Worship**

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

In response we can ask ourselves questions such as: 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**

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

The challenges for each of us are: How have you recently practised being generous? How have you recently shown hospitality to others? How are you caring for yourself? How and what are you learning now?

### **Service**

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

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

### **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.

We can ask ourselves these questions: When was the last time you were able to talk about God to those you meet? What recent opportunities did you have to share your faith? How did you respond to those opportunities? Is there anyone you might invite to consider our Christian faith?

As we explore these four areas of our Christian discipleship, we invite your ideas on how can we support each other in our “Way of Life” commitments as individuals, as prayer partners and as a Church?

Please make it a matter of prayer that our Lord will bless each of us as we embark on this adventure.

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