

To fulfil these priorities, as a Circuit we will

1. Encourage the development of new vision and new ways of being church, relevant for the 21st Century, through continued analysis of the Circuit's resources of people, property and finance, and use them in ways that will most effectively further the work of God in the Circuit;
2. Support each of the Circuit Churches in producing new versions of their mission statements and strategy that are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timetabled (SMART) by 31 August 2013;
3. Encourage work that is ecumenical, people centred, flexible and innovative;
4. Pursue a Circuit Mission Strategy for 2013-16 – see accompanying *Mission Strategy*;
5. Review this mission statement in 2016.

Note on Methodism, Charity Commission and Legal issues

There are certain legal and constitutional issues to be acknowledged:

- Trustees must ensure that they always act within the Charity's powers and objects and in accordance with its rules and procedures.
- Trustees must ensure that they comply with Charity Law and should as a matter of best practice comply with and follow any applicable codes of practice.
- Trustees of Registered Charities are regulated by the Charity Commission and must ensure that annual accounts, reports and returns are filed within the applicable deadlines and that they comply with the Charity Commission orders and rules.
- Trustees must also comply with other requirements of the Law (e.g. property law, HM revenue and Customs etc.)



St Austell Methodist Circuit

The Circuit is a Registered Charity with the Charity Commission, No. 1141712

Mission Statement 2013

"The Calling of the Methodist Church is to be a Discipleship Movement shaped for Mission." *Discipleship... and the people called Methodist* Rev Martyn Atkins.

The calling of the St Austell Methodist Circuit is to respond to the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ, and live out its discipleship in worship, mission and service to people of all ages and abilities, working with other Christians as much as possible.

Our priorities

In Worship - to increase an awareness of God's presence, celebrating His love through worship, word and action

In Learning and Caring - to encourage Christian discipleship through Bible study, learning from one another and growing in faith; and encourage all Christians to care for one another, people in the community and themselves

In Service - to serve the local and global community through prayer and action, in obedience to Christ's call

In Evangelism - to enable Christians to share and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Worship

Jesus said 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only Him.' Mt 4:11

We will respond to our calling by:

- Supporting the training and development of Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, and others;
- Offering to the communities around us safe places for worship and acceptance;
- Facilitating the worship of God in places other than our buildings;
- Helping people have a greater awareness of God's awesome presence, and to experience His loving comfort, especially through Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals;
- Enabling prayer to be an offering to God and a blessing to others.

Learning and Caring

Jesus said 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Mk 12:31

We will respond to our calling by:

- Providing discipleship opportunities for all Christians, enabling them to grow in their learning and in their spiritual formation;
- Providing Pastoral Care for all in our churches and communities;
- Creating opportunities for those outside the life of the Church to learn more about the Christian faith.

Service

Jesus said 'Anyone who wants to be first must be last, and the servant of all.' Mk 9:35

We will respond to our calling by:

- Provide welcoming, warm and well-maintained suitable premises to give space and opportunity for church and community activities;
- Giving generously of time and money for God's work in the Church and in the world;
- Working for justice and peace for everyone, caring for creation and providing a welcome to all.

Evangelism

Jesus said 'Go and make disciples.' Mt 28:19

We will respond to our calling by:

- Helping all Christians to have more confidence to share their faith with others;
- Engaging in mission activities both inside and outside our buildings;
- Providing opportunities for people to explore the Bible and Christian faith.