

Ceredigion Circuit 2/10

OUR CALLING: CIRCUIT POLICY

The Circuit Mission Statement:

“To have a living relationship with God through worship, to encourage one another to grow as Christians, to live the Good News of Jesus and to share God’s unconditional love for everyone”

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Ceredigion Circuit: 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.

Drawing from our Methodist tradition, enriched by other parts of the wider Church, the Circuit seeks to shape its common life around the ***Our Calling Statement of the Methodist Church***. We seek to frame this around ***A Methodist Way of Life*** launched at the on-line Methodist Conference of 2020 (see Appendix 2). The Ceredigion Circuit is committed to being an inclusive and safe place for all people and therefore undertakes all its work and activity in accordance with the Methodist Church's Safeguarding Policy and Equality, Diversity & Inclusion policies.

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.**

The Ceredigion Circuit will seek to fulfil this by:

1. Affirming the dignity of all people:
 - a. Monitoring and implementing an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy
 - b. Being part of the Inclusive Church Network
2. Providing worship opportunities for people of all ages through:
 - a. gathered events
 - b. online
3. Training, resourcing & equipping Local Preachers and Worship Leaders
4. Providing teaching & resources for:
 - a. personal prayer
 - b. exploration of scripture and theology in a local and world context

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.**

The Ceredigion Circuit will seek to fulfil this by:

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1. Providing pastoral care and support for members and the community roll
2. Training and supporting pastoral visitors
3. Seek to provide places of hospitality, welcome and care for students studying at University in Aberystwyth and Lampeter
4. Ensure our buildings are “warm hubs” offering generous hospitality
5. Providing opportunities for people to learn about the Christian faith and develop their life of discipleship within the world

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.**

The Ceredigion Circuit will seek to fulfil this by:

1. Affirming and praying for its members as they seek to live out their discipleship whether at home, work, college or school and within the community
2. Drawing on the resources of the Joint Public Issues Team to inform, educate, resource and encourage one another to engage as Christian people in the local community and wider world
3. Using Fairtrade and environmentally friendly products in our buildings and at events organised by the circuit and the churches
4. Take active steps to reduce our carbon footprint and care for the environment
5. Ensuring our buildings are safe and accessible places for all people and available for other groups to use

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.**

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The Ceredigion Circuit will seek to fulfil this by:

1. Providing opportunities to learn about mission and evangelism and grow in confidence in sharing faith
 2. Encouraging one another to speak of our experience of God
 3. Identifying and responding to mission opportunities within our communities
 4. Learning about, supporting, and where possible, sharing in mission in other places
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APPENDIX 1

Links

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

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

Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) <http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/>

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

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/>

APPENDIX 2

A Methodist Way of Life

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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

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- 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.**

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)?

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- 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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