

THE FISHERMEN'S CHAPEL



LEIGH-ON-SEA

Mission Plan 2024

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.

It does this through



Worship

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



Learning and Caring

The Church exists to help people to grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care



Service

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



Evangelism

The Church exists to make more followers of Jesus Christ

The Fishermen's Chapel is responding to this calling in the following ways. It is a journey of discovery, guided by the Holy Spirit and it invites you all to join us wherever you are on your journey.

Please visit www.fishermenschapel.or.uk for more information or to contact us. We would love to hear from you.

Worship

We value:

Each person's need to worship differently that belongs to our membership and those that come through our doors. We know that God has a unique relationship with everyone of us.

Inclusive language and training to become more aware of equality issues and our own unconscious bias.

Our current services of Holy Communion, Gospel Vespers, Anchored, Mindfulness/Meditation, and Parade Services.

We aim to:

Have weekly services that offer a breadth of worship not only in *our* chapel but offer something different, that can be accessible to our other circuit churches and our ecumenical friends in our community. This includes having three services a month in the evening.

We aim to include Taize, Love feasts and prayer walks.

Learning and Caring

We value:

We value how each of us wants to learn more about Christianity. We understand that as our knowledge grows of both God, and ourselves, we can lead fuller and more fulfilling lives.

We aim to:

Follow the Methodist Way of Life (all resources are available on www.methodist.org.uk)

Share resources on social media.

Increase our pastoral visits.

Begin a Bible Study on Zoom and in person (now happening 3rd Monday evening 7pm on Zoom, 3rd Wednesday in person at Highlands Methodist Church 2pm)

To raise £1000 for All We Can/Local Methodist Charities

Service

We value:

Our mission of serving our community in 3 main areas –

Our local musicians and artists. We value their contribution to Leigh-on-Sea.

Those who suffer with mental health issues such as anxiety and depression. We value the connections we already have with Trustlinks, Fiona who runs our Soundbath events and the Mindfulness and Meditation services.

Our natural world in all its wondrous beauty.

We aim:

To be more involved with the wonderful work of Trustlinks

To build our relationships with arts community and rotate the art in our community room every 3 months.

To host more live music in the chapel and support local gigs in other venues through Chaplaincy.

To contact more counsellors and groups to let them know the services we provide to support those with mental health issues.

To register our church as an ECO church and to work towards our Bronze status initially. We also aim to encourage our individual members to live more gently in the world and reduce their carbon footprint.

To serve our community through a Heritage Project connecting our church, our building, with gifts of music and art in Heritage works that support local people in their mental health.

Evangelism

We value:

The gifts of our members who are artistic and those who support the chapel.

The Fishermen's Chapel Gospel Choir and The Monday Singers in sharing their gift of talents and time with us in our worship.

We aim:

To use our wall space to tell people the Good News, so that all who use our chapel can learn how living counter-culturally will give everyone a better world.

To make crafts that can be given out in our community with the Gospel message.

To use social media to reach those who may never have been in a church or who don't attend.