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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

#### THE SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT VISION STATEMENT

We will be a District where Circuits, Local Churches and individuals of all ages are accompanied and encouraged to respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ and participate in God's mission in the power of the Holy Spirit

Within the framework of the above, we make this

### MISSION STATEMENT FOR EMSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

## To be a serving and worshipping Christian Church in the heart of Emsworth, working closely with other churches and with the local community

To achieve our mission, we will

- provide regular opportunities for worship and prayer, and explore new and different ways of worshipping
- provide opportunities for people to explore and grow in the Christian faith and to enter into an experience that meets their needs
- express the Christian gospel's servant role through the work of the Pastoral Centre, offering to all users welcome, friendship and refreshment without prejudice or expectation
- explore new community links and widen our network of volunteers
- provide well maintained premises, ensuring maximum flexibility of use, and make multifunctional use of the worship area, particularly as a Pastoral Centre
- be a member of Christians Together in Emsworth, promoting ecumenical activity and seeking to strengthen our links with the other Emsworth Churches
- provide an enriching pastoral network for members and friends, and develop the provision of similar support for users of the Pastoral Centre
- encourage community use of our premises
- support Christian mission both at home and overseas
- express Christian social responsibility in response to human need
- promote both education and support for the fight against world poverty