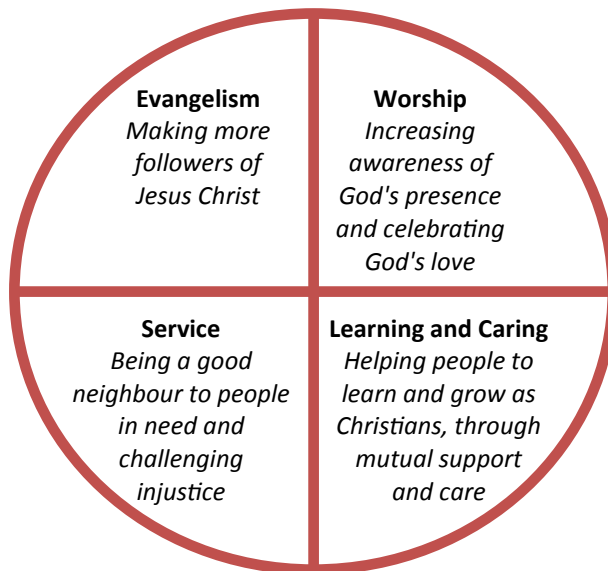


York Methodist Circuit

Growing in Christ

Our Circuit's Calling is to encourage growth in Christ through:



In fulfilling Our Calling we will seek to embody the following principles:

Inspiring Ministry
Encouraging and supporting risk-taking mission alongside affirming care and fellowship

Nurturing Relationships
Treasuring our Methodist belonging alongside deeper ecumenical and community partnerships

Witnessing in the World
Deepening local engagement alongside involvement in national and world concerns

Offering Hospitality
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Valuing Diversity
Affirming each other alongside the pursuit of variety

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We look to Christ and are inspired by both his call to 'follow him' to new ground and his command to 'feed his sheep'.

Our Vision:

Our vision is for every local church community to feel sufficiently cherished, inspired and supported by the Circuit that they have the confidence and faith to look outwards and take risks.

Witnessing in the World: *Deepening local engagement alongside involvement in national and world concerns*

We look to Christ and are inspired by his example of speaking to the needs of the world around him and his command that we should be salt and light'.

Our Vision:

Our vision is for local churches and the Circuit to be confident, become involved and speak out in matters of everyday life and concern in the world.

Valuing Diversity: *Affirming each other alongside the pursuit of variety*

We look to Christ and are inspired by his open armed welcome and offer of grace to everyone.

Our Vision:

Our vision is for diversity of worship, ministry and mission to all, to be encouraged, supported and developed in an environment of mutual respect. Every local expression of Christian community will have confidence in the Circuit's support.

Nurturing Relationships: *Treasuring our Methodist belonging alongside deeper ecumenical and community partnerships*

We look to Christ and are inspired by how he reached out to others and drew people together to work for the Kingdom.

Our Vision:

Our vision is for our Methodist heritage to be offered in a wide variety of relationships: within the Circuit, with ecumenical partners and in partnerships in the community and the world around us.

Offering Hospitality: *Maintaining and resourcing premises for mission alongside outreach beyond existing buildings*

We look to Christ and are inspired by his example of building community with people, particularly with those who feared they were excluded or marginalised.

Our Vision:

Our vision is for Christian communities that offer welcome with a purpose and role at the heart of the community.

Developing our Gifts: *Enabling lay leadership and participation alongside a strong staff team*

We look to Christ and are inspired by his call to everyone, and how he enabled people to discover 'life in all its fullness'.

Our Vision:

Our vision is to release the potential of congregational gifts supported by a strong staff team and lay leadership.