

SILVERDALE METHODIST CHURCH

MISSION POLICY

WE ARE A “WORK-IN-PROGRESS” CHURCH COMMUNITY THAT:

- keeps **God at the centre**
- is **not afraid**
- always takes **action**
- is **relevant**
- is about **togetherness**
- is an **inclusive and safe space**
- has **children and young people involved** in all aspects of its life

A CHURCH COMMUNITY THAT:

KEEPS GOD AT THE CENTRE

- Where we do what God asks us to do – love each other.
- Where prayer and engaging with the Bible are central.
- Where sharing our faith stories is encouraged and valued so that we grow closer to God.

IS NOT AFRAID

- To step out in faith and trust God.
- To lead the way on issues of injustice and social action.
- To have difficult conversations on challenging topics.

ALWAYS TAKES ACTION (in the Church & the Uillage)

- By sharing inspiring stories of action and change.
- By challenging injustice.
- By engaging politically
- By praying for and responding to those in need e.g. supporting Foodbanks.
- By caring for the environment e.g. using less plastics.

IS RELEVANT (in the Church & the Uillage)

- Where people are equipped to engage with, and respond to, current issues.

- Where worship is engaging.
- Where modern technology is used effectively.
- Where we work towards being environmentally-friendly and sustainable.

IS ABOUT TOGETHERNESS

- Where adults value and support young people.
- Where better relationships are built, through conversations and questions, leading to acceptance, kindness, understanding and mutual respect.

IS AN INCLUSIVE AND SAFE SPACE

- Where all are welcomed, respected and accepted.
- Where we celebrate uniqueness and difference.
- Where we can have safe, open-minded conversation.
- Where there is support for those with mental health issues.
- Where we can be still, rest and connect with God.

HAS CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED IN ALL ASPECTS OF ITS LIFE

- Where they are trusted.
- Where there are opportunities for them to lead.
- Where their voice is heard & responded to.