

Mission Plan (2025–2030)

Methodist Circuit

Vision

To be a Christ-centred and loving community, bringing **hope, transformation, and justice** to the heart of Wolverhampton and beyond.

Mission

To **share God's Gospel, serve those in need, and equip disciples** to impact our city through **faith, compassion, and action**.

Background and Context

Three years ago, as part of discerning its future direction, the Circuit Leadership Team conducted a **community audit** and a **review of local churches** to assess their mission potential.

These exercises sparked important conversations about **church mergers** and led to the creation of a **Mission Project in Bilston and East Park**, focused on reaching those in greatest need. This initiative reflects the principles of **New Places for New People** and **Church at the Margins**.

The Circuit also identified **city-centre ministry**, with its **Inclusive Church outreach**, as a continuing **key priority** for mission and growth.

Mission Priorities (2025–2030)

Over the next five years, the Wolverhampton Methodist Circuit will **prayerfully and strategically** release its resources to strengthen mission and ministry. Our focus will be to:

1. **Deepen understanding** of the needs, challenges, and opportunities within our **inner-city communities**.
2. **Continue the Mission Project** in Bilston and East Park, conducting a **listening exercise** to gather stories of lived experiences of poverty, with a view to establishing a **Truth and Poverty Commission**.
3. **Undertake a new community audit in 2028** to reassess emerging opportunities and challenges for mission.

4. **Review each church's mission potential** using the **Methodist Way of Life** framework as a tool for reflection and growth.
5. **Align mission priorities and funding**, ensuring that identified opportunities—especially in **New Places for New People** and **Church at the Margins**—are sustainably supported.
6. **Encourage collaboration between churches**, exploring creative partnerships and the **releasing of buildings** where appropriate, to free up more resources for mission and outreach.
7. Developing strategies for equipping and empowering **lay leaders, volunteers and young people** to support and sustain mission and discipleship growth.

Our Commitment

As the Wolverhampton Methodist Circuit, we remain committed to being a **transformative Christian presence** in our city—**listening deeply, serving faithfully, and witnessing boldly** to the love of Christ in all we do.