

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH – MISSION STATEMENT

Updated January 2026

Church Council requested the Action Group to undertake this task and to submit a proposal to them for ratification/amendment/comment. This was discussed in full and changes proposed at the Action Group Meeting on 26th November 2025. This document sets out that proposal.

Our Mission Statement remains the same.

OUR MISSION

To proclaim the love of God in Jesus to all people.

We do this by: **Being a place of welcome, worship & nurture.**

Belonging, learning & growing together.

Serving the community in whatever way we can.

Our initial thoughts homed in on 5 specific headings – Worship, Outreach, ECO, EDI and Growing Membership.

Growing Membership, Worship and Outreach

- We want to be a growing church.
- We will continue to improve the ‘welcome process’ to ensure that all guests are made to feel welcome and will hopefully return. Welcome cards are given out, and Rev Asif contacts the individuals to enhance their welcome experience and to include them where possible on our Weekly Notices email.
- We will recruit 15 new members by April 2027. This has been adjusted from the original figure of 30 which was challenging. However, it must be noted that we are welcoming more people to church – we must convert these to members.
- We will establish a church presence in one or more of the local blocks of flats over the next three years. This is ongoing and has been partly achieved by members who are living in these flats.
- We will set up a rolling electronic information screen which will be obvious to passers-by within 2 years. This has been extended, partly due to financial priorities.
- Utilise the Link/kitchen to provide service to the community within 1 year – ongoing into 2027.
- We will advertise our existence, activities, and facilities within 3 months – This was achieved and is ongoing.
- We will seek closer contact with all of our building hirers within 1 year – continuous and ongoing.
- Within 1 year, we will worship in a creative and interactive way which will appeal to congregations. One Café Service held successfully and Rev Asif to include in future plans. Rev Asif is also encouraging Stewards to led on ‘local arrangement’ services and to include members of the congregation.
- Our current style of all-age-worship to be expanded – ongoing challenges with few children attending but the children’s area at the rear of the Worship Area is successful in attracting those with small children and we will continue to promote this.

- We will keep collaborating with the three Chelmsford Methodist Churches, aiming to work together on outreach initiatives and seeking ways to share resources whenever feasible.

EDI (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion)

EDI champions have volunteered to be part of a Circuit EDI Group led by the Circuit EDI Officer, Val Carter. The First meeting will be held early 2026.

Points to action:

- Recognise the diversity among church members and invite everyone to post-service coffee gatherings. Consider hosting an event that showcases cakes and dishes from various cultural backgrounds. To ensure that all food and beverage events consider the needs of others and offer alternative menus including those with dietary problems.
- Eradicate all discrimination to treat all people justly and with dignity.
- Introduce a profound change in the culture, practices and attitudes resulting in all becoming full participants in the church's life.
- Advertise that we are a venue that's registered to carry out same-sex marriages.
- Action any points raised in the 2025 property audit e.g. can folk manage to get to the podium for readings – offer microphone at a lower level and also offer the microphone to those seated in the congregation.

ECO (ecological or environmental)

We are committed to being a carbon neutral church by 2029 (Methodist target is 2030).

We currently hold a bronze award, and we will achieve silver by 2029. Gold award will take longer.

We will appoint an ECO champion (to be confirmed early 2026) who will contribute to and mastermind actions to address the following:

- Community and Global engagement through new and existing projects.
- Ensure that our worship takes account of and recognises the need for services to keep ECO issues high on our agenda. Prayer for such issues will also be encouraged.
- We will, where finances allow, improve the insulation, energy usage and other methods of reducing our carbon footprint.
- We will encourage members of the congregation to consider personal lifestyle changes such as walking or cycling instead of cars and increasing their recycling arrangements.

These proposals, once accepted, can be implemented. The monitoring of progress will be monitored by the 'Action Group' on a regular basis.

This proposal was approved at a Trinity Church Council meeting on 28th January 2026, chaired by Rev Asif Karam,

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