

New Sawley Methodist Church Vision and Mission Statement

New Sawley Methodist Church seeks to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to God and in service to our local community

2023 Mission Plan **(to be reviewed February 2024)**

This plan looks again at the vision and mission of the church in New Sawley following the impact of the Covid Pandemic of 2020/21.

1. *Develop a Culture of Prayer and Discipleship*

- ✚ As a church and as individuals, we commit to pray for growth when we gather to worship, in our study groups and at home.
- ✚ To further develop a prayer diary to help us as we pray for one another and for the groups in the life of our church. (May/June 2023)
- ✚ To share in Lent and Advent studies.
- ✚ To use The Prayer Course as a guide for an eight week preaching series in the autumn.

2. *Develop a Presence in the Local Community*

- ✚ To continue to build a relationship with the Rainbows and Brownies.
- ✚ To continue to develop the New Sawley Facebook page to help publicise events such as the coffee morning, and as a way of inviting others to come along to specific acts of worship e.g. Christmas Services.
- ✚ To invest in a new noticeboard. (April/May 2023)
- ✚ To continue to hold a monthly coffee morning, actively inviting those outside of the church to attend.
- ✚ Continue to hold midweek 'Coffee and Craft' group to which all are invited.
- ✚ Plan a fun morning/afternoon for children with refreshments for parents and carers. (July/August 2023)
- ✚ To continue to be involved with community activities as part of LECF.

3. *To Explore Different Styles of Worship*

- ✚ To continue to plan opportunities for less formal worship e.g. Café Church, All Age.
- ✚ To ensure a balanced diet of old and new.
- ✚ To explore the use of technology in worship.