

## **East Lincolnshire Circuit Mission Statement:**

# ***Seeking to make a difference as followers of Jesus***

### **The East Lincolnshire Methodist Circuit aspires:**

- to help build the kingdom of God in our region through holding the circuit resources (people, buildings, money) in trust and overseeing their wise use;
- to do all that it can to support the local Churches in their own work of building God's kingdom;
- to encourage looking up and looking out so that we are quick to respond to the Holy Spirit at work;
- to foster a culture and spirit of collaboration, sharing and valuing difference across the Circuit.

### **We aim to do this by:**

#### **Looking 'up' to God**, increasing awareness of God, listening to God's voice in our worship and action through:

- High quality, relevant worship, including at least two Circuit services a year
- Encouraging prayer and fellowship across the Circuit, including Circuit Zoom prayer & bible study sessions

#### **Looking 'around' to the churches**, enabling them to share gifts, skills and resources through:

- Encouraging sharing of ideas, events and prayers through the quarterly magazine and website
- Working ecumenically, where possible, and encouraging Churches Together groups.

#### **Looking 'in' to ourselves**, encouraging and enabling Methodist communities in their Christian living and learning through:

- Supporting locally based teaching and training
- Challenging complacency and prejudice
- Promoting opportunities for nurturing and encouragement, such as small groups
- Intentional caring and sharing within and beyond our communities

#### **Looking 'out' to our communities**, seeking to enable the love of God in Christ to be shared with passion and confidence through:

- Providing teaching and training in preaching and evangelism
- Living out our faith by working with community partners both ecumenical and secular to seek environmental and social justice