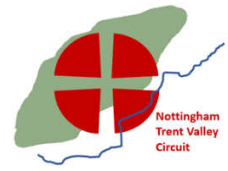


*Being Jesus in all we do
with all we meet*



Here in Nottingham Trent Valley Methodist Circuit

we offer ministry and the love of God to ALL regardless of gender, race, creed, age, ability, or sexual orientation. We simply seek to respond to God's love in Jesus Christ and seek over the next three years to try to achieve the following goals:

Ω Worship, Prayer, fellowship and sharing the Good News with those we meet through outreach to our local communities

- Yr 1: To work closer together as a Circuit both online and in person
- Yr 2: To plan and host a Circuit wide 24hr prayer event, organised by the Clergy team
- Yr 3: To be more courageous offering prayer through a series of street events

Ω Being open to God's Grace in everyone

- Yr 1: For 50 percent of the Circuit Churches to be engaged in conversation around Equality Diversity and Inclusion
- Yr 2: For 50 percent of the Circuit Churches to be registered, and working towards Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Yr 3: For the remainder of Circuit Churches to be engaged in conversation and supported by those already registered, around Equality Diversity and Inclusion

Ω Caring and taking responsibility for God's earth

- Yr 1: For those already striving for "Eco Status" to encourage other Circuit Churches to do so through visiting and talking to them
- Yr 2: For more than 50 percent of Circuit Churches to be working towards bronze status or above
- Yr 3: For the Circuit to host a District Event on becoming registered and working towards

Ω Guiding people to Christ through discipleship

- Yr 1: To be intentional about our own Spiritual development through quarterly Circuit Study days organised by the Clergy team
- Yr 2: To offer Alpha courses, or an alternative, in each section, headed up by the Clergy team
- Yr 3: For the Circuit to be encouraging "Open the book" from each section.

Ω Seeking to ensure justice for all.

- Yr 1: For each Church to engage with their local MP/s and Local Councillors
- Yr 2: For the Circuit to engage in appropriate lobbying
- Yr 3: For the Circuit to host a "Justice for all" event for both other Churches and local groups.

Ω Making new followers of Jesus and New Methodists.

- Year 1; Identify core practices of growth and identify where they are currently.
- Year 2; Ensure 50% of churches are implementing a living mission for growth, embed core practices
- Year 3; Further embed core practices of growth in at least 50% of churches.

Explore the core practices of growing churches

While there is no magic formula for church growth, there are various factors which are found to be associated with growing churches. The eight core practices of growing churches set out below are taken from research conducted by the Church of England in 2011-2013, the findings of which are explored in ***From Evidence to Action***, and the ***Leading Together research*** by the Methodist Church in 2015-2016.

Here is some information on Core Practises;

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/evangelism-growth/lead-churches-into-growth/explore-the-core-practices-of-growing-churches/>

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