



## Mission and Strategy Statement 2021

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

In this, and in partnership with others, where possible, the Poole Bay Circuit will concentrate its prayers, resources, creativity, and commitment on this priority. We will:

### Gather – Grow – Go

We will be a Circuit where Local Churches and all people are welcome to **GATHER** safely, be accompanied and encouraged to **GROW** in their Spirituality and understanding of God's love and equipped to **GO** out to reveal God's Kingdom.

Working towards this the Circuit will give priority to:

- Exploring 'New Places for New People'
- Supporting local churches in exploring and trialling new ways of being church.
- Encouraging and resourcing Christian learning and discipleship across the Circuit in small groups, online or as a congregation.
- Exploring and enabling creative approaches in governance and mission to develop purposeful safe spaces for growth, healing, and transformation.
- Using its finite resources to support churches who are actively engaging with mission in their communities.

## Gather, Grow, Go:

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1. We gather together to worship our King;  
We lift up our hearts as His praises we sing!  
We lift up our hands, let our worship arise  
to God who created the earth, sea and skies.
2. We grow in His Spirit, who moves in our hearts.  
To those truly seeking, wisdom She imparts.  
As we learn from Scripture, God waters His seed;  
through prayer and reflection, He gives what we need.
3. We go out together, to live out His love.  
To serve one another with strength from above.  
Christ is ever with us, wherever we go;  
for we are His body, His Kingdom we show.
4. We gather and grow and go out in His Name;  
with Christ in our lives, we are never the same.  
As cells of His body, we've fellowship sweet,  
to go in His love, serving all whom we meet.

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Suggested tune: Datchet