

Newington Methodist Mission plan January 2020

Church and Community context

New. MCH meets to worship in the village of Newington, which is situated directly on the A2, a busy commuter road between London and Dover. We are a very friendly, dedicated congregation who enjoys a more traditional style of worship but are open to change and variety. Our regular coffee mornings and social events see a host of visitors from the local and wider community. We also enjoy ecumenical work and friendship with the local Anglican Church.

Mission Statement

We are here to worship God, serve the local community, and promote the message of Christ and His forgiveness. Gospel of Luke 4, 18-19

Our Five year dream

- To continue to offer a sacred space for people to meet God
- To continue to grow in numbers as a congregation
- To encourage young people
- To continue to offer a friendly welcome
- To maintain our positive relationships
- Spiritual renewal
- To offer more social and spiritual activities for the community
- To be adaptable to more ecumenical work

Challenges we need to overcome to fulfil our dream

- We are mostly an ageing congregation
- Our church building needs internally updating
- Lack of able volunteers (volunteers very willing but not always able)

How to achieve our dream?

- We will focus our prayers more intensely on spiritual renewal
- We will aim to become more familiar with our local community and neighbours
- Raise the profile of the church through website, constantly updated notice boards and possible leaflet drops within the village
- Organise special events, such as inviting speakers to come and do a talk
- Regular leadership meetings with the local Anglican Church