

## Worshipping

### *When gathered together and in the whole of life*

God is our creator, who in His love for us sent Jesus to forgive, redeem, reconcile and restore us. We recognise that our response in reverent worship includes group praise as well as the offering of our whole life lived for God and for others. Our lives as committed followers of Jesus are to be guided by the Bible, enriched and strengthened through prayer and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

## Being

### *Offering grace and welcome*

We are followers of Jesus that he has gathered and called together to be his body in our neighbourhood. We recognise the importance of continuing to be there for our community: to be a visible presence of God's Kingdom; a safe and welcoming place for people to experience care, grace, freedom and unity. We seek to offer a taste of God's love and hospitality, valuing each person for who they are and trusting that through friendship with us, they may get to know God.

## Serving

### *Loving God in living for others*

As a church, we will seek to serve our local community. While we can never repay God for his grace and love, we honour God and show our love through service to others. Part of God's grace is to include us in His purpose for the world. Each one of us is called to mission and ministry for which we are empowered through the gifting and transforming work of the Holy Spirit. Leadership within the church should be Christ-like in humble service for those in their care.

## Growing

### *Openness to change, commitment to maturing, exercising gifts*

While celebrating our history, in order to follow God into our future, we must not be bound by our past, our fears or assumptions. We will need to respond to the changing world around us while staying true to the faith that we have received. We are called to discern together and take considered risks in faith in order to join the Holy Spirit who is already at work in mission. We will need to support and empower each other to discover and use the gifts the Spirit has given us if we are to be and do what Christ calls us to. We commit to the discipline of growing in Christ-likeness and spiritual maturity.

The needs and opportunities around us are growing and we will need to grow as a church to support the ministries we are called to without over-using our people.

## Reaching Out

### *Sharing life and faith with our community*

We are committed to having a genuine and positive engagement in local community life. This is reflected in our participation in community events, our partnership with other organisations, our hospitality to other groups and in ministries that intentionally serve those from outside the church. We believe that people will only find wholeness and purpose in Jesus and that faith in Jesus is meant to be lived in Christian community, so we will invite others to join with us and will be prepared to share our faith story when the opportunity comes. We understand that most people come to faith through relationship and so we will make space in our lives for genuine friendships with those who do not yet follow Jesus, showing them God's love in the hope that they will find God's open arms. We recognise we are part of a world-wide community and will share part of what we have to support the needs and ministries of other communities.

## Speaking Out

### *Proclaiming love, peace, justice and hope*

Our culture and society have some different values from what God has given us in scripture. We will seek opportunities to speak and act to proclaim God's Good News of love, peace, justice and hope. We will engage with issues of ethics and advocate for the powerless and vulnerable. We commit to examining our own lives and make choices to avoid participating in systemic injustice and exploitation.