



Ongar United Reformed Church
High Street, Ongar. CM5 9EA

Mission Statement

2018 - 2023

Adopted at Church Meeting 6/2/2018

Spirituality - We will grow in our practice of prayer and spirituality, nurturing strength for our witness to Jesus Christ, and developing our discernment of where God is and what God is calling us to do by reading and studying the Bible and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

- The Minister will devise seasonal study groups for Lent, Pentecost and Advent

Identity - We will be more confident in our identity, valuing the treasures of our tradition.

- We shall be mindful of the heritage entrusted to us especially that of missionary David Livingstone and the poet Jane Taylor

Community - We will be a church that is more active in the life of the local neighbourhood.

- We shall actively foster ecumenical relations.
- We shall participate in the 'Open The Book' project to primary schools.
- We shall be mindful and seek to engage with local issues.
- We shall actively foster community relations through Open House and Twinkles.

Hospitality - We will be a church committed to becoming even more welcoming and hospitable, and embracing all people equally.

- This will be enhanced through the re-ordering of our Church Hall to be re-named the Livingstone Hall and to include space for exhibitions in the room to be name the Taylor Gallery.
- We shall ensure improved access with the fitting of a ramp and lift.
- The congregation will grow in awareness about the need for inclusivity regardless of race, creed, colour or gender.

Social Action - We will be a church committed to peace-making and reconciliation that keeps faith with the poor and challenges injustice by

- Actively supporting the foodbank.
- Raising global awareness through Christian Aid and the Leprosy Mission.
- Raising national awareness through the likes of Church Action on Poverty.

Growth - We will be a growing church with an increasing membership.

- We will encourage people to encounter Jesus Christ for themselves.
- We will encourage spiritual formation amongst the membership and enquirers.