



# **Epping United Reformed Church**

**Lindsey Street, Epping, CM16 6RB**

## **Mission Statement**

**2018 – 2023**

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**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.**

- We will have regular fellowship meetings to study scripture in order to be those who are Walking the Way (in line with the national church's emphasis on discipleship)
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**We will be more confident in our identity, valuing the treasures of our tradition.**

- We will share our story with the world church especially through Mbare Uniting Presbyterian Church Southern Africa (UPCSA)
  - We will share our story with our ecumenical partners in Herts and Essex Border Ecumenical Area and Churches Together in Epping and District.
  - We will share our story as a constituent part of civic life.
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**We will be a church that is more active in the life of the local neighbourhood.**

- We shall actively foster ecumenical relations.
  - We shall be mindful and seek to engage with local issues.
  - We shall actively foster community relations through lettings.
  - We shall foster children and family work through Toddler's Group and seasonal Holiday Clubs.
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## **We will be a church committed to becoming even more welcoming and hospitable, and embracing all people equally.**

- The congregation will grow in awareness about the need for inclusivity regardless of race, creed, colour or gender.
  - We shall foster our commitment to Mbare UPCSA (Presbytery of Zimbabwe)
  - We shall extend financial support through the URC Eastern Synod's appeal for the building of a school at Lekkerwater in Zimbabwe.
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## **We will be a church committed to peace-making and reconciliation that keeps faith with the poor and challenges injustice by;**

- Actively supporting the Epping Forest Foodbank.
  - Raising global awareness through Christian Aid and other such agencies.
  - Raising national awareness through the likes of Church Action on Poverty and Joint Public Issues Team
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## **We will be a growing church with an increasing membership.**

- We will encourage people to encounter Jesus Christ for themselves.
  - We will encourage spiritual growth amongst the membership and enquirers.
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*This Mission Statement was approved by the Church Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018*