



Watton at Stone Methodist
High Street, Watton at Stone. SG14 3SY

Church Mission Plan

February 2018

Background...

In 2011 the building was extensively improved and when it reopened following the work the following church groups commenced using the hall.

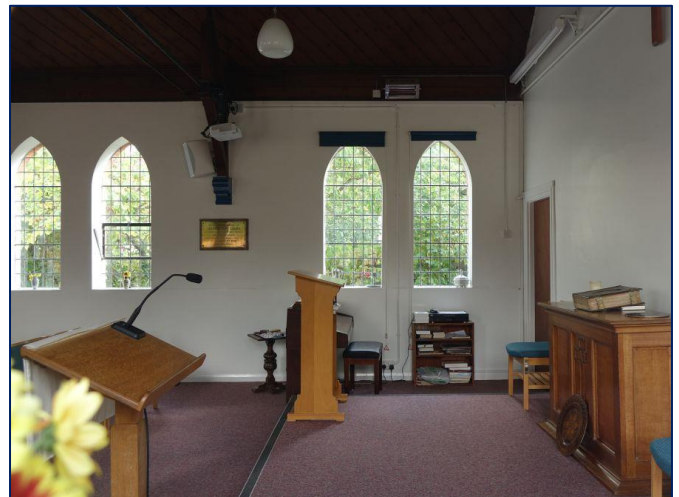
- Craft Club
- Card Companions
- Coffee Morning
- Knit and Natter
- Lunch Club

The groups benefit by not having to pay the hourly hire costs but make a contribution towards the overall costs agreed by the stewards. In addition, they do not have to have their own insurance cover and their funds are managed by the Church Treasurer.

We have advertised the church as a **Day Retreat Centre** and although the number of bookings has been low, there is the opportunity to build on this.

We have introduced **Tea & Toys** and **Kid's Club** with limited success.

Weekly services have continued to be on **Sundays at 10.45am** and over the past year we have seen an increase in the congregation.



Future Plans...

Church Groups

To maintain and develop our links with Church groups to ensure that all members of the groups feel they *are* part of the church family.

Village School

Having forged links over the past year allowing us to take assemblies to build on these first steps.

Children's work

To consider ways of developing this work, possibly by forging closer links through the Sunday Club activities held in the Parish Church.

Café Church

To introduce the more informal style of Café church on the 1st Sunday of the month as plan making allows.

Tea & Coffee after the service

Introduce tea and coffee after the service on 3rd Sunday in the month.

It is recognised that members of the congregation will be required to join a rota for setting up and clearing away the furniture for Café Church and to make tea and coffee.

Bible study

It is proposed that we introduce a bible study to allow everyone the opportunity to have a better understanding of passages from the bible.

Outreach

To encourage new people to join us on a Sunday; this could be by personally inviting them or delivering our church leaflet to people moving into the village. In addition, offering lifts for anyone who is unable to walk or drive to church.

Communication

To explore ways of improving our communication using modern technology.