



## Week St Mary Methodist Church

It has been great to get back to a full programme of activities and events. We are pleased to be supported by our Minister Revd Steve Swann and his wife Julie who is Church and Community Worker for the Circuit. Julie is responsible for our Chapel in Week St Mary.

Our aims are to:

- Love God
- Serve our neighbours
- Share the good news about Jesus

We do this in a number of ways currently and are always open to new approaches and initiatives.

Our worship activities are best described as informal and contemporary with traditional overtones. Most of our services are at 11am on Sunday mornings, although from the beginning of June we will move to 10.30 am for the summer. On the first Sunday of every month we have an evening Café Church at 6.30pm.

Our quarterly Worship Lunches have now returned to pre-Covid numbers and vibrancy. We have twenty minutes of singing,



prayer and worship sat at dinner tables followed by roast lunch and copious quantities of home-made desserts. We request donations for the lunch, genuinely payment by results! If anyone would like to attend please call 01288 341317. The dates are published in the Parish magazine.

Our regular fortnightly Coffee Mornings are growing and much valued by people who attend. It's open to anyone in the community who would like to drop in anytime between 10.30am and 12 noon on every second Thursday. Keep an eye out for our Coffee Morning banner that goes up outside the chapel a few days before.

We continue to produce and deliver the printed weekly worship sheets that we started during lockdown. We've just produced the 212th<sup>th</sup> edition. They are particularly valued by people who can no longer get out to worship or attend events. Word has spread about the sheets and copies are sent to and used by individuals and churches in Bude, Cornwall, London and Cheshire. If anyone in the parish would like a sheet delivered (or further afield by email) please just let us know.

We had a full programme over Christmas, with Stratton Young Farmers Carol Service, Bright Sparks leading Sunday morning worship on the theme of "Do they know it's Christmas" including a ten-minute puppet show song medley, the Candlelit Carol Service and the Carols from the Van singing at three



locations around the village. Voluntary donations at the Christmas event raised donations for Action for Children. We continue to invest in our premises and equipment to ensure we can support the activities based at the Chapel, including Bright Sparks, and the many organisations who use our building.

We exist to serve our Lord Jesus Christ by enabling people to know, understand and experience His love and by serving our neighbours. We would like to offer our thanks to the many members, helpers and supporters who made our various activities possible throughout the 2023 - 2024 parish year.

**Thank you**