

A Vision for Meare

God's heart for the Levels, together on a journey of faith.

Focus - We aim to meet the needs of people today, and to attract Christians living in the area who currently travel for fellowship to the local town.

Refurbishment - To continue the present modernisation of the chapel interior.

Leadership - As the church grows, to seek to build a strong leadership team. There is great strength in collective wisdom united around a shared vision.

Contemporary Worship - We use contemporary teaching methods that are practical, interactive, inclusive and use modern technology. In our worship we are contemporary, flexible and led by the Holy Spirit.

Teaching - The preaching and teaching is consistent, Biblical, inspirational and practical. No one wants to be bored in church! The preaching will normally follow a linked teaching programme subject to the overriding leading of the Holy Spirit. The preaching would be provided by those who are suitably gifted and fully supportive of the church vision. For the sake of consistency and clarity, the NIV Bible will be used and copies provided for congregational use.

Prayer - Whether collectively or individually, prayer is a vital part of the work of the church. We meet regularly together for prayer and support one another through our prayer life.

Children's work - A good children and Youth work is key to any growing church. The development of this work must be given the resources and priority that it deserves. Our Children are the Church of today. While the children are in church, what takes place must be fully accessible and appropriate to them.

Less is more - A service length of one hour is all that most people want - especially the Sunday School teachers! Fifty minutes for an all age service.

Inclusive - Any large Church today will include those with a variety of views, for example regarding the exercise of Charismatic Gifts or the Bible and science. We seek to accommodate a varied membership by sensitively adopting a middle road regarding such secondary issues that accommodates a varied membership.

Local School - The church shall support and develop its links with local schools.

Evangelism - A proliferation of activities does not necessarily result in the conversion growth of a church, and in fact may hinder it by dissipating limited resources in unfruitful areas while limiting our ability to respond to the Lord's opportunities. If we wait on Almighty God, He will open the doors.

Membership - Members should agree with the Evangelical Alliance Statement of Faith, have undergone Believers Baptism and be living a life as a church member consistent with Biblical principles.

Church Planting - We are a church re-plant working with the Counties Planting Network under the trusteeship of the Western Counties and South Wales Evangelisation Trust.