



GROWING ...BECAUSE GOD IS CHANGING LIVES

Profile

We believe that God, our Father has called us to make His Son Jesus known to all, by word and life, in the power of His Spirit. This is expressed in corporate worship, prayer, mission and service.

2010/11 was an important year for the members at Davenport Road Methodist Church as we decided to review the Vision for our church and Spiritual life in depth. This is now found in the Vision Statement document which the Leadership Team produced early in 2011. All areas reviewed have already been progressed and we feel deeply enriched by the experience. There is no doubt that most feel more spiritually deepened and bonded together as a congregation and worshipping community.

The membership at Davenport Road Methodist Church is around 64 at present, aged between 15 and 80+ and we have an additional 20+ adherents who attend regularly.

Our morning worship is generally "All Age" worship, and normally includes songs, drama, power points, DVDs and interaction as well as a message/sermon. We tend to base our worship theme on the Salt (Scripture Union) material which is what our children in Junior Church use. This enables the whole family to feel corporately involved in the morning's theme. Our Worship Leaders start the service with a Worship, Praise and Prayer time and then the attending preacher continues in leading the congregation with the "theme" of the week. The children leave the service after about 30mins and go into Junior Church. The services are prepared in consultation between the preachers and a worship preparation team who meet monthly to plan the following month's services. Attendance at morning services is usually 40 – 50 adults and 10 – 12 children, most of whom are from families within the church.

On the first Sunday of the month we have a family service at 9.30am, when the children stay in for the whole service. It is often the parade service for our Girls' Brigade Company.

Our evening service at 6.00pm is a more traditional Methodist service and more often than not uses Hymns and Psalms. Services are quite often based

on the Lectionary theme. Attendance at these services is 15 – 25 adults. Holy Communion is normally held once a month.

We have recently started to refurbish our worship area and already have a new stage and audio visual equipment. Next is the lighting and decoration! This has already enhanced the main body of the church and we envisage this will be a much more uplifting and versatile area. All our songs, notices etc. are shown through Easy Worship on a screen in the morning.

We run several regular outreach events all based around a cup of tea and fellowship. We have 3 active house groups which meet regularly. They meet on different nights and one during the day to give people the opportunity to come along.

Some of our members and their families regularly attend Spring Harvest and derive much benefit from this spiritually uplifting event.

As previously mentioned we have a Girls Brigade Company who meet on a Friday evening from 6:00 – 8:30. The girls are aged from 6 – 18 and come from all and no churches in the town.

The church is led by a leadership team who meet monthly with the minister to determine the direction for the church and to facilitate the more mundane tasks required in running a church. At present we share a Pastoral Worker with the Carterton Church, who was appointed by the Circuit in 2010.

For more information do look at our website: <http://www.davroadchurch.co.uk>

