



# *The Growth of The Grove*

The Vision Statement for Grove Street Methodist Church, Retford, **revised July 2024**

## **A multi-purpose sacred space dedicated to God**

a place that has known brokenness, healing and restoration

a flourishing, accessible, environmentally-friendly and justice seeking presence in Retford

that can be used every day of the week

for worship, learning and caring, service and sharing God's story.

## **A people called by God with a story to share**

inspired by our heritage, grounded in the everyday, but looking to the future in hope

intentionally sharing and nurturing faith through worship and service to the local community and beyond

blessed with the gift of an historic, multi-purpose building - and using it to bless others

supported by Circuit, District and Connexional resources.

## **Developing pattern of life at The Grove**

varied programme of Sunday, midweek and online worship for all ages,  
including occasional services in care homes and schools

range of church led groups including weekly lunches, coffee mornings and support for older adults

offering ways for all to explore and grow in faith

providing opportunities for prayer and story sharing

familiar space to local school children – for events big and small

hospitable space where community groups feel at home

outdoor green space to engage with the gift of creation

support based activities held in partnership with other organisations

supporting art and culture – with a diverse mix of concerts and exhibitions

offering a variety of ways in which volunteers can grow in skills and confidence

a place filled to the rafters for key circuit, civic, ecumenical, school and community events

key player in all heritage events and celebrations

responding to and addressing needs in the local and wider community

ongoing commitment to key Methodist charities, relief organisations and local initiatives

actively working for climate justice and a reduction in our carbon footprint.