



Keynote Speaker
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'Our Calling'

The Character of Methodism

The **Methodist** Church 

Methodist Church: Our Calling Video

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOoGhXBQJ70>

Our Calling

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It does this through



Worship



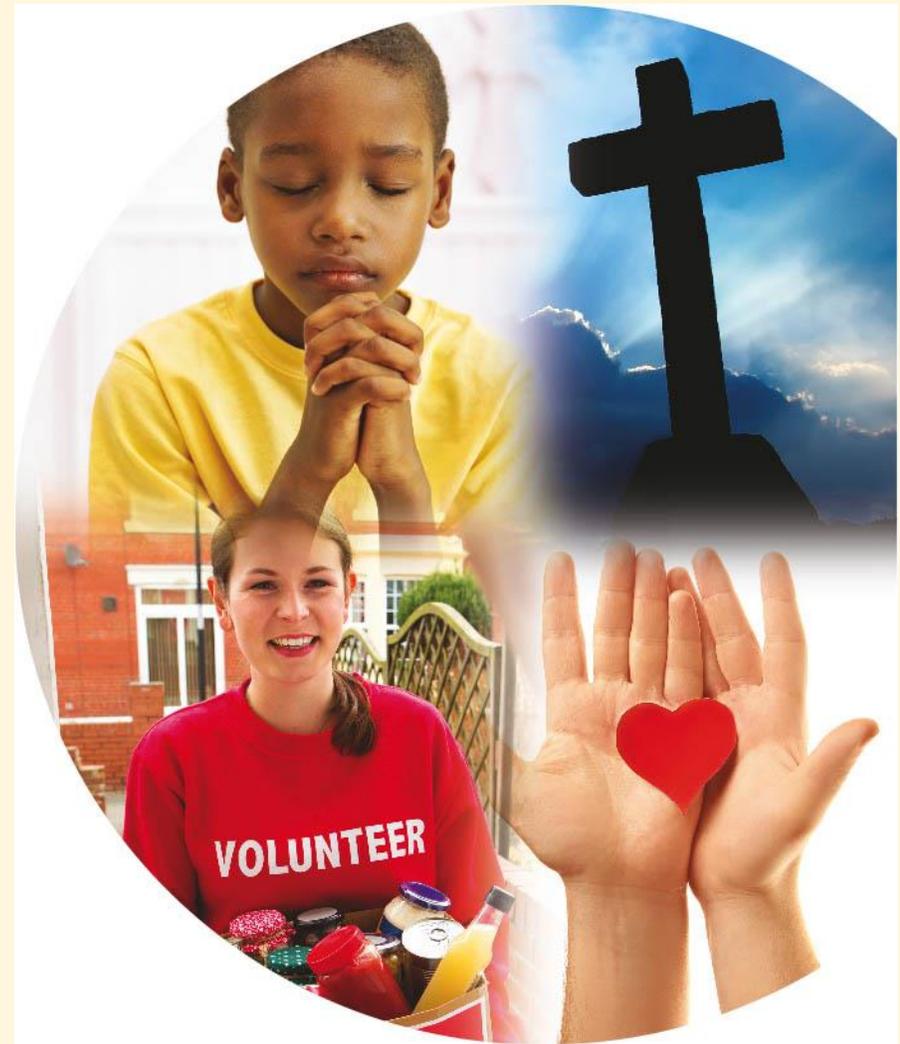
**Learning and
Caring**



Service



Evangelism

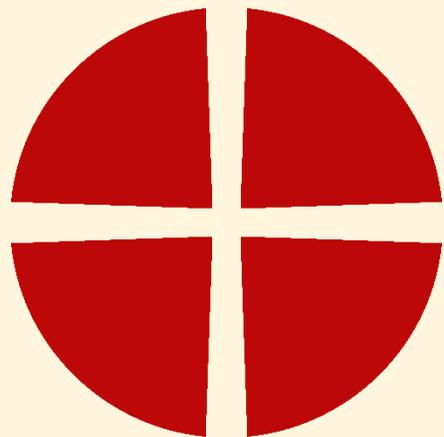


Prevenient Grace

“The strong affirmation of the prevenience of grace has continued to mark Methodist doctrine to the present day.”



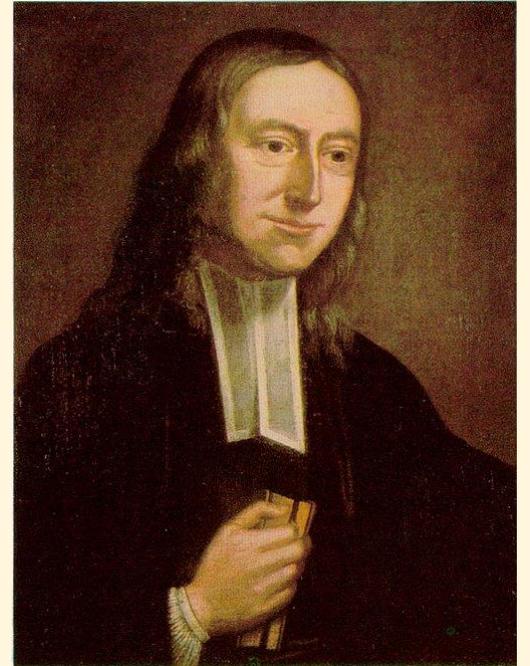
Embracing the Covenant, p125



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The Character of a Methodist

‘A Methodist is one who has “the love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Ghost..”



Methodist Christian discipleship is:

- rooted in and focussed on Jesus Christ
- resourced by the Spirit of God
- life-long and whole-life
- communal rather than solitary



Methodist Christian discipleship is:

- committed to transforming and serving the world, locally, nationally and globally
- lived out on a 'big map'
- all offered to God in loving obedience.



Martyn Atkins, nd

Worship that is Eucharistic: joyful and enjoyable



- Where have you experienced Methodist worship that was joyful and enjoyable?
- If worship has not been joyful and enjoyable, what could help to make it so?
- How does/ how can worship 'free us from anxiety'?

Learning and Caring in the present age

- Where are forms of Christian fellowship working well?
- What sort of fellowship does the digital age require?



Service: Responding to the Gospel as we meet the needs of the world



- What good examples have you seen of meeting needs that were informed by the Gospel?
- How can we re-order needs in the light of the Gospel?
- How can the churches be informed about business, politics, and pleasure?

Evangelism: Making the darkness light



- What is the offer of salvation that makes sense in 2018?
- Where have you seen churches name the darkness?

A Common Duty

Each of us – a Way of Life

In our small groups – ‘Our Calling’
accountability

Strategic thinking – Mission Plans

Across the Connexion – the Council
Objectives

Calling and Character

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