

We believe we are called to open our hearts and doors to all people, especially those who have been marginalised. That is why we are at Pride today.

We are far from perfect!

We are just people trying to put Jesus' message of love and life into practice.

If you want to know more, or even join us, we can be found at:

### **A Dignity and Worth prayer:**

God is the maker of all and it is in God that we and all people find our true dignity and worth.

We celebrate God's radical diversity woven into the rich tapestry of creation. We will work and worship together with those who are like us and those who are not.

We seek the strength never to be silent in the face of injustice. We will make space for others, even when it costs us much.

We join in God's mission seeking a life of flourishing and faithfulness, wrestling with scripture and ever-open to the Gospel's message of unending love. We rejoice in our Methodist tradition of transformation, justice and social holiness.

May we take just a step on this road today.

May we offer an open hand to each of our neighbours.

May we be a people of courage.

God of all, may it be so in our days.

God of justice, work through our lives.

God of love, transform our church and our world.

**Amen.**



# YES



to all LGBTQ+ people

[www.dignityandworth.org.uk](http://www.dignityandworth.org.uk)



Thank you for reading our leaflet. We are a group of Christians - LGBTQ+ and allies - committed to making our churches places of welcome and justice for people of all sexualities and gender identities.

We are deeply sorry that, for too long, Christians have judged and condemned people because of who they love, and justified hatred, violence and exclusion.

We reject utterly any attempt to use the Bible to promote hatred or violence.

Where they said, 'No', we say YES!



**SOME CHRISTIANS SAY:**

The Bible demands that Christians condemn or hate LGBTQ+ people

**THE BIBLE SAYS:**

'... you have no excuse, whoever you are, when you judge others; for in passing judgement on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, are doing the very same things.'

*Romans 2:1*

**SOME CHRISTIANS SAY:**

Jesus was against homosexuality

**THE BIBLE SAYS:**

**NOTHING!** The Gospels do not record Jesus saying anything about homosexuality.

However, Jesus did say, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.'

*Mark 12:29-31*

**SOME CHRISTIANS SAY:**

The Church is only for respectable people

**THE BIBLE SAYS:**

'If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.'

*1 John 1:8*

**SOME CHRISTIANS SAY:**

Religion is only about believing the right things

**THE BIBLE SAYS:**

'God has told you what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?'

*Micah 6:8*

