

## **BUS NY BANNAGHTYN**

Have we forgotten it ?

The Prayer Bus, as its commonly known (although it is not for transporting people) was commissioned in March 2019 after enthusiastic consensus at previous Circuit meeting that it was a great idea. Good use of it was made during 2019, however Covid restricted its use the following year and into 2021.

During the initial period we have seen it at the Agricultural Shows, Southern 100, Peel Carnival, plus numerous other events. There is so much more potential for where and when we could use. Its ready to go, simple to drive, fully fuelled and insurance is in place for all members who have a car licence. Drive it or park it at an event you are holding, open the doors to reveal the resources within; plenty of literature, comfortable seating, work area, awning for the good days, tables and chairs, water heater, cd player, internal lights, all linked to the leisure battery.

Bus ny Bannaghtyn (bus of Blessings) can be used in so many different ways, its only our imagination that restricts it. It was commissioned to increase the Methodist Church's visibility on the Isle of Man, offer a facility for prayers and outreach as a means to engage with the community outside our churches. We are ***all called to mission*** and this can be used as a simple way to participate in spreading the word of Christ.

So let us all take up the ***challenge*** for each of our Methodist churches to use the bus for at least one week during 2022. Whether you park it at your Chapel, serve tea and cake on a Saturday, or engage with your community in some more imaginative way or event. This is not a big ask to the smallest to the largest of our Chapels and is an opportunity to show folk that we Methodists are alive and kicking, we do pray for them, and we are hospitable and welcoming.

Amen