

Building Kingdom Together



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I always pray with joy because of your
Partnership in the Gospel
(Philippians 1:4-5)*

*Committed to Christ, His Church and our Community
- to make ready a people prepared for the Lord -*

We don't use the term 'membership' to describe our church family, we prefer to see ourselves as:

Partners in the Gospel

In the New Covenant, the apostle Paul wrote this to one of the newly established churches.

*In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your **partnership in the Gospel** from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*
(Philippians 1:4-6)

The former Archbishops of Canterbury and York issued this short guide:

All baptised and confirmed members of the Church must play their full part in its life and witness. That you may fulfil this duty you are called upon to:

- **Follow** the example of Christ in home and daily life bearing witness to Him.
- **Daily** private prayer.
- **Read** the Bible carefully.
- **Come** to Church every Sunday.
- **Receive** Holy Communion faithfully and regularly.
- **Give** personal service to Church, neighbours and community.
- **Uphold** the standard of marriage entrusted by Christ to His Church.
- **Care** that children are brought up to love and serve the Lord.
- **Give** money for the work of the Parish and Diocese and for the work of the Church at home and overseas.

1. How are you fulfilling your calling in the areas identified by the Archbishops?
2. If there are areas where you are falling short, how will you seek to address the issues?

The Lord made **Covenants** with his people (Noah - Genesis 6:18; 9:8-17; Abram - Genesis 15:9-21; 17; Moses - Exodus 19-20, David - 2 Samuel 7:5-16 and the **New Covenant** - Jeremiah 31:31-34). Also God's people have entered into **Covenants** with God and one another (Nehemiah 9:38), so it's fitting for our church family to have a **Covenant**.

Covenant is about relationships. Promising one another mutual support and commitment.

In Scripture, God's **Covenant** shows His commitment to us as He reveals His nature and character, promising His blessing and favour.

God's **Covenants** are confirmed with an oath (Deuteronomy 4:31, Psalm 89:3) and accompanied by a sign.

As He celebrated the Passover, Jesus said;
***This cup is the new Covenant in My blood.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of Me.***

The precious **Covenant** of Jesus sacrificial death allows for the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting.

I will protect the unity of this church

By acting in love toward the fellowship

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. (Colossians 3:12-14)

- How have you shown compassion, patience, and kindness?
- Forgiveness or choosing not to take offence are daily choices. Over what kinds of issues have you made these choices recently?

By refusing to gossip

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. (Ephesians 4:29)

- How would you recognise a conversation as gossip?
- When you have encountered gossip what was your immediate response?

By supporting the leaders

Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

(1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)

- In what ways have you up-held your leaders?



I will share the responsibilities of this church

By praying for its growth

We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)

- In what circumstances have you prayed for people in this church and for its growth?

By sharing Jesus with others

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

- How and with whom have you shared Jesus in the last month?

By warmly welcoming our guests

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

(Romans 15:7)

- To whom, in church and indeed outside church, have you recently introduced yourself?

I will serve the ministry of this church

By discovering my spiritual gifts and human talents

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. (1 Peter 4:10)

- What gifts are you, or others, discerning in you?

By being equipped by my leaders to serve

It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

(Ephesians 4:11-12)

- In what ways do you see yourself or others being equipped?

By developing a servant heart

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 2:4-5)

- How have you put the interests of others before your own recently?

I will support the ministry of this church

By attending faithfully

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:25)

- Where in your list of priorities does meeting together for worship feature?
- How is this being worked out in your life?

By living a godly life

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the Gospel. (Philippians 1:27)

- How are you seeing transformation in your thoughts and conduct?

By giving regularly

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

(1 Corinthians 16:2)

- How are you seeing an increase in your generosity?
- How are you discerning God's blessing over your finances?

