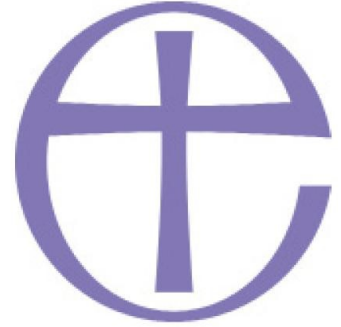




Covenant Partnership



Under God, as members of the body of Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit, we, the churches of the Watercombe Benefice and the Broadmayne Methodist Church, covenant to work together, in continuation of the spirit of the Methodist and Anglican Covenants of 2003, 2013 and 2015.

We will continue to develop worship together. All Benefice congregations are invited to join with Broadmayne Churches, meeting at least twelve times a year on occasions such as: the Methodist Covenant service, Harvesttide, Remembrance Sunday and the Village Carol Service; and undertake to continue to plan and take the all-age 'Together at Ten', usually monthly, and the annual Holy Week events. The Methodist Church will host Benefice Services in its turn. We recognise each other's Ministries. We support members choosing to worship in either tradition across the Benefice and welcome those who wish to have dual membership in the Anglican and Methodist traditions.

We will continue to develop discipleship together. Members of all churches will be invited to meet to pray, study and care for each other in Life Groups, particularly in Advent and Lent. Practical and devotional courses and retreats, where arranged, will be assumed to be open to both traditions.

We will continue to develop work within our community together. Cooperation in opportunities at Broadmayne's Pre-School and First School will continue, including sharing the occasional leading of storytime, school assembly and lessons. As we are able, we will continue jointly to run after-school clubs for school-age children on Fridays in term time, and holiday clubs at Easter and Christmas. We will actively seek ways of supporting the elderly within our community. As circumstances permit, we will maintain a Family and Community Worker to support these and other ventures. We will continue to run soup lunches throughout the year, including those organised for charity during Lent. We will develop joint communication for our churches and wider communities, including websites, production and funding of the Compass magazine, and Easter and Christmas cards.

The terms of this Covenant will be reviewed by the Watercombe Benefice and the Methodist Church Council every three years.

In signing this Covenant we wish to be obedient to the call to unity which is the will of God the Father, prayed for by Jesus the Son and enabled through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The covenant is signed by representatives of the Anglican and Methodist Churches.

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