



COVENANT OF MEMBERSHIP

The Covenant of membership of Wallingford Baptist Church is based on the first covenant, framed on the foundation of the Church by Robert Lovegrove in 1794, rewritten in 1961, and readopted in its present form by the members' meeting on 23rd March 1998.

The Church, as Baptists understand it is that community, gathered together by God and sustained and guided by the Holy Spirit in which every member actively participates in the fellowship of the Gospel. We who are members of this Church are continually conscious of our need of the forgiveness of sins through the atoning work of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. In fellowship with one another, and by obedient service to our Lord, we seek to grow toward perfection in Christ.

We accept that Believers' Baptism is an act of unity with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and that the Communion of the Lord's Table is his gift to the church.

We acknowledge the authority of Scripture, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit through study of Scripture, prayer and fellowship. As members of the fellowship we are ready to receive counsel through the fellowship and, if necessary, rebuke, agreeing to accept both in love. As an expression of our understanding of, and commitment to church membership, we assent to the following covenant:

We COVENANT, with God's help, to seek to obey Christ's will in our own life and the life of the Church; being concerned to serve one another in Christian love, ready to receive counsel through the fellowship and, if necessary, rebuke, accepting both in love so that the Spirit of Christ may be evident in us and to the world in which we work and live. We support endeavours to promote Christian unity and fellowship in Christ's wider Church that his name may be honoured.

We COVENANT, with God's help, to worship together on Sundays, upholding Believers' Baptism and the observance of the Lord's Supper in obedience to Him, and as public testimony to the pre-eminence of the Lord's redeeming grace in our lives.

We COVENANT, with God's help, to participate as fully as we are able in Church Meetings, where we seek to understand Christ's will for the Church. We offer our gifts and talents in the service of the Church and its mission and undertake to be active in prayer, meeting together in fellowship and in the study of God's Word. We seek to support the Church financially so that the ministry of the Word and the outreach and witness of the Church may be steadfastly maintained to the glory of God.