

COVENANT

BELIEVING the Spirit of God has led us to repent and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and having been baptised upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, we do now, as one body in Christ, relying on His gracious help, solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with each other.

WITH the help of the Holy Spirit we will walk together in Christian love, as is fitting for the members of a Christian Church. We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and with affection and attention we will watch out for one another, caring, instructing and encouraging in the ways of the Lord. We will rejoice at each other's happiness and endeavour with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows. We will be slow to take offence and eagerly desire reconciliation. We will not forsake meeting together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others.

WE will do our best to bring up those under our care in the ways of the Lord, and by a pure and loving example seek the salvation of our family and friends. We will determine, with God's help, to live carefully in the world by denying all ungodliness and worldly lusts, remembering that, as we have been voluntarily buried by baptism and raised again from the symbolic grave, we are now under a special obligation to lead a new and holy life.

WE will work together for the continuation of a faithful evangelical ministry in this church as we sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines. We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, helping the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

WHENEVER we do move on from this place, we will unite with another local church as soon as possible, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

Amen.

