

Mission Membership

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It has been our practice to have a Mission Membership Sunday each year but that got a bit lost during COVID. We plan, though, to do it again this year on the day of our AGM, that is 10 November. It will be an opportunity for new members to express their commitment and for existing members to renew it.

To help people understand that commitment and what church membership means, we will explore it on the two Sundays before the AGM, that is 27 October and 3 November. Some people have reservations about church membership. This will be an opportunity to think and discuss.

If you are not a member of this church, please do consider it as we talk about it. And, if you want to be a mission member, please let us know during the week between 3rd and 10th November. Essentially, membership means two things:

- Commitment to Jesus
- Commitment to this fellowship



To help initiate that thinking, **the vows** that people will take are:

*I put my trust in God, as heavenly Father,
in Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Lord,
and in the Holy Spirit as my Helper and Guide.*

*With God's help I will seek to love and obey Christ
and to grow in my relationship with God through prayer and study of the
Bible.*

I promise to be a faithful member of the Christian community.

*With God's help I will share in the worship of the church
and support its work with my time, talents and money.*

*With God's help I will tell others of Christ in word, sign and deed
and look for the coming of His Kingdom.*

The key question is: Are you comfortable saying "Yes, that is me"?

If you would like to talk with one of the staff or an elder about this, please let us know. We do want people to make informed decisions.

If you have not been baptised, but would like to be a Mission Member, baptism would be the appropriate way to express your faith. Please talk to us about that too.

May God bless you,
The E.T, elders and staff

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