

## Partnership Covenant

### I commit to Jesus

*(Spoken to God)*

Responding to your love for me,

I commit my life to you.

You are my Lord. You are my Saviour.

You are my example.

Please help me to become more like you.

### I commit to the people in this church community

*(Spoken to each other)*

Recognising that God wants us to live out our faith together and to encourage each other to become more like Jesus, I commit to serving God in this church community.

Please disciple me as I open my life to you.

You are my community for discipleship, mission and worship in this coming year.

I will live out the vision and values of this church in partnership with you.

### I commit to my neighbours in the world

*(spoken symbolically to our communities)*

Joining in with God's loving mission and going,

I commit to sharing God's love with you

in my attitudes, in my actions & in my words

I will be good news in relationship with you.



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# Welcome to Watchet Baptist Church

 sharing God's hope with our communities



**WATCHET**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**Becoming a Church Partner**

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## About us...

We think church ought to be for everyone, no matter how young or old they are, whether they're used to going to church or have never been before. Watchet Baptist Church is made up of people from just a few months old to those in their 80's and from all kinds of different backgrounds. We have different activities that run through the week but our main gathering takes place on Sundays at 10.30am in Knights Templar School Hall. Our services are fairly informal and open to all.

We believe that although Christian faith is personal, it is far stronger when it is lived out within a community of people. It's ok just coming along on a Sunday but it's much



better to be an active part of the church community. Those who have become a 'part' of the life of the church community are asked to consider becoming church 'Partners' at our annual Covenant Service which takes place on Pentecost Sunday (in May or June), although it is possible to become a Partner at any time throughout the year.

## Becoming a Partner...

If you feel a part of the community of people who make up Watchet Baptist Church, we'd love you to consider becoming a church Partner. Decisions in Baptist churches are not made solely by the Minister or the Leadership Team. Things such as how we serve God in our community or how we choose to spend our money as a church are decided upon by all those who are committed to being a part of our church community—and those people are called Partners.

Being a Partner means being committed to God, to our church community and to the wider community we live in. It doesn't mean you have to be super-spiritual or an experienced Christian—simply that you have chosen Watchet Baptist Church as your church family for the coming year and you want to be an active part of the family. Most people become church Partners at our annual Covenant Service.

### What's a Covenant Service?

A covenant is an agreement, a promise or a commitment. In our Covenant Service we each make a commitment,

- to Jesus
- to the others in our church community
- to the wider community we live in

## Being committed to Jesus

We believe that being committed to Jesus is central to Christian faith. We each choose how to live our lives; we can choose 'our way' or



choose to follow someone else's way. Christians are those who have chosen to follow Jesus' way to live. And because we believe that Jesus is God in human form (see John 1:14), we think his way

of life is the very best. Being committed to Jesus means saying sorry to God for living life our way and choosing to live his way from now on with Jesus as our Lord, our Saviour and our example.

## Being committed to our church community

We believe Christian faith is best lived out within the community of the local church. That means being a part of a church 'family' which walks through the ups and downs of life together; it means being committed to the Vision and Values of the church; and it means serving God in that church with our time, money, gifts & talents.

## Being committed to the community we live in

We believe that God's love should be shared with those beyond our church community in the places we live and work. So we commit ourselves to demonstrating God's love to others in our actions, our attitudes and our words.