

**THE COVENANT OF
'CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BELPER'**

We the members of the Churches of Belper Baptist, Belper Central and Openwoodgate Methodist, Belper Congregational, Christ Church Parish (Belper), Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (Roman Catholic), and St. Peter's Parish (Belper) affirm our belief that we are called to venture together in work and witness for Christ.

We give thanks for the degree of communion which already exists between our congregations

- In the name of God, source of all being, whose purpose is for all things in heaven and on earth to be united in Christ
- In the name of Jesus Christ, eternal Word of God, who has called us to be one
- In the name of the Holy Spirit, who brings us into communion with God and with one another

We rejoice in the rich variety of our traditions of worship and Church order and recognise that there will not be uniformity in the unity we wish to express, but legitimate diversity.

We recognise that the unity of our churches is not yet complete, but in faith we gladly declare our shared vision for the oneness of the Church.

We therefore make this commitment to God and to each other and we covenant to seek more fully that unity for which Christ himself prayed. In particular we commit ourselves and our Churches:-

- To work together towards making visible the unity of Christ's people in Belper through acts of worship and proclaiming the Gospel of Christ in word and deed
- To publicise and promote our Church life and worship by joint means wherever possible
- To continue Churches Together in Belper made up of an assembly of the ministers and representatives from all the participating Churches
- To affirm this Covenant annually and review it at regular intervals

The Baptist Church

The Methodist Church

The Congregational Church

The Roman Catholic Church

The Church of England

Belper Baptist Church

Central Methodist Chapel

Zion Methodist Chapel Belper

Belper Congregational Church

RC Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Parish of St. Peter Belper

Parish of Christ Church Belper
