

YATE & FROMESIDE MISSION AREA COVENANT

OUR COVENANT

We, the Church of England congregations in Yate and Fromeside, covenant with each other before God that we will:

- Pray together for the development of God's mission here
- Listen to our communities and engage with them in new ways
- Establish a youth and children's ministry across the mission area
- Improve our communications with each other and the community
- Develop creative ways of delivering our worship
- Connect with those generations missing out on the good news

...in the expectation that God will work in and through us to share His love so that His Kingdom will grow in Yate and Fromeside, and that following the Holy Spirit's lead, we will see prayer answered and the good news of Jesus releasing people to experience life in all its fulness.

Our covenant is underpinned by core Christian values whereby we commit to:

- Building relationships within the community
- Being generous, gracious and welcoming in all that we do
- Being honest and open with each other
- Changing our attitudes, practices and behaviours to advance God's Kingdom here
- Encouraging and affirming each other
- Sharing with and learning from each other - including events and resources as appropriate
- Loving each other with understanding and respect.

We believe the outcome of this commitment will lead to a shift in our culture as:

- Members are equipped for mission and released into God's service
- Seeds are sown which will lead to growth in numbers, discipleship and leadership both in this and future generations
- The Missional Communities develop open relationships with our community that reflect the love and humility of Christ.



Signed by members and representatives of the congregations on 21 January 2018:

A large collection of handwritten signatures in various colors (black, blue, red, purple) on a white background. The signatures are densely packed and cover most of the page. Some legible names include: M. Sue, Ian Walker, K. Shanks, Val Marfalan, Anthony Bradley, Lisa Birch, Mary Parks, Carol Groom, Ruth Wallace, Valeri Stade, Heather Smith, Charlie Blackett, and many others. The signatures are arranged in a somewhat organized but overlapping manner across the page.