



**Following the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and at the start of a new year
a reminder of OUR Covenant and the opportunity for all of us to renew our
commitment to it**

The members of the Arle Valley Anglican Benefice, the Roman Catholic Church of St. Gregory the Great and the Alresford Methodist Church :-

DECLARE our common belief in one God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit has called us to work together and we now

DECLARE our readiness to commit ourselves under God in a renewal of our local Covenant.

WE GIVE THANKS for all that we have in common and REPENT of all that may be sinful in our divisions. We seek a fuller unity and deeper understanding based on the richness of our diverse traditions.

WE therefore COVENANT with each other to make visible the common mission of our Churches by:-

Working together for the reconciliation and unity of the whole church in our land and

throughout the world, working together for the spread of the Gospel, meeting

together in prayer, worship and study, and to share joy through fellowship, caring for

each other across denominational boundaries, sharing together in service to the

community and the world in the name of our Lord, publicly bearing witness to OUR

Faith and, when contemplating a new initiative to discuss with each other whether it

could in the spirit of this covenant, be better done together. We invite other

Christian Churches and Groups to join us in any subsequent renewal of this

Covenant.

IN token of this covenant we commend each other to the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you to all who contributed to our Christmas carol singing at St John's, Ellingham Close, Bailey House and outside Wessex Pharmacy enabling CTIA to donate more than £540 to Winchester Youth Counselling.

Thank you also to all who contributed to our celebrations of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and look out for increased opportunities for regular ecumenical worship in 2020 and if not already booked for Bournemouth from 13th to 15th March contact Gary Carter (01962 732350 email:cartergary59@gmail.com) – it may not be too late!!

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