

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Within the one, holy, catholic, apostolic Church the United Reformed Church acknowledges its responsibility under God:- to make its life a continual offering of itself and the world to God in adoration and worship through Jesus Christ;- to receive and express the renewing life of the Holy Spirit in each place and in its total fellowship, and there to declare the reconciling and saving power of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ;- to live out, in joyful and sacrificial service to all in their various physical and spiritual needs, that ministry of caring, forgiving and healing love which Jesus Christ brought to all whom he met;- and to bear witness to Christ's rule over the nations in all the variety of their organised life.

CHURCH MEMBERS

I confess my faith in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, taking the Father to be my Father, the Son to be my saviour and Lord, the Spirit to be my helper and guide.

I promise, in dependence on God's grace, to be faithful in private and public worship, to live in the fellowship of the Church and to share in its work, and to give and serve, as God enables me, for the advancement of his kingdom throughout the world.

I promise, by that same grace, to follow Christ and to seek to do and to bear his will all the days of my life.

And I trust in his mercy alone to bring me into the fullness of the life of the world to come.

WHAT WE ARE ABOUT

1. Recognising the God who is known in Jesus Christ, in the Church, the community and the world around us.
2. Responding in worship and through sharing in His activity.
3. Helping others to recognise Him and to respond too.

OUR COMMITMENTS AS A SINGLE CHURCH

We, the members of Olton, Hobs Moat and Christ Church United Reformed Churches in Solihull Resolve to unite as a single Church.

We recognise, along with other Christians, our calling to love God, our neighbours and ourselves.

We pledge to:

- Gather to offer our worship
- Witness to Christ in the community in which we are set
- Support each other in our daily living, offering spiritual guidance and pastoral care
- Share our responsibilities and our resources, including, with their consent, our ministers Neil Eldridge and Mark Fisher.

In making this resolution we recognise that we have clear tasks to fulfil:

- Build and strengthen relationships between our congregations
- Unify our finances - to support ministry and mission according to the decision of the SURCs Elders' and Church Meetings
- To move to a decision regarding the emphasis for our mission and activities
- To move to a decision regarding the premises we will use for worship and mission activities.