

## **Covenant Relationship Statement**

Those who enter into a covenant relationship with Allington Baptist Church are making the following commitment:

### **With God's help I will endeavour:**

- **to put the Lord Jesus Christ first in everything** — offering my character, my daily life, home, work and studies to be controlled by the Holy Spirit and His purposes. Romans 12:1-2; Colossians 3:17
- **to spend time each day in prayer and thoughtful reading of the Bible.** Ephesians 6:17,18
- **to witness to the Lord Jesus Christ** — by the way I live and talk; by the opportunities I take to help other people, to speak to others about the Lord and to invite them to Christian meetings and activities; and as my circumstances permit, by offering the hospitality of my home. Colossians 4:5-6; Hebrews 13:2
- **to be God's voice in our community** — to stand against ungodly practices in our society and promote Christian values. Matthew 5:13-14
- **to do some definite work for Christ** — playing my part in His Body according to the gifts and guidance He gives me. Romans 12:4-8

• **to attend Sunday worship and receive communion** regularly. Hebrews 10:25, Luke 22:19-20

• **to pray regularly for the work and ministry of Allington Baptist Church and the Church worldwide.** Ephesians 6:18; i Colossians 4:2-3

• **to share in the responsibility for the church's finances.** Malachi 3:10

• **to take a share of responsibility for the direction of the church** - by keeping myself informed on the church's policy and vision through attendance at communication meetings, reading relevant documents and attending corporate opportunities for prayer where possible. 1 Corinthians 12:14-20

• **to develop fellowship with fellow Christians in the Church** - by getting to know them and praying for them, showing love and encouragement; by helping to welcome visitors and newcomers; by readiness to forgive and be forgiven when misunderstandings occur. Colossians 3:12-14; 1 Peter 3:8

*Please note, there is no intention to create a new legalism here. We are not saying that these things are necessary for salvation, or to gain the Lord 's approval. We are simply affirming our desire to live for God in the life of His local church, and in dependence on His Spirit.*