

My Faith and Life

"Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. And God showed his love for us by sending his only Son into the world so that we might have life through Him. This is what love is: it is not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the means by which our sins are forgiven" The Apostle John (1 John 4 verses 7 - 10 GNB)

By completing and signing this application form I affirm that through my relationship with God the Father, through the work of Jesus Christ and by the Spirit's power:

- I am a baptised follower of Jesus Christ. He is my Lord and my Saviour.
- I will seek to be regular in private prayer and in reading the Bible.
- I am committed to the life and work of my local Church and its people.
- I will always try to join in the Church's worship Sunday by Sunday and will share in the Lord's Supper/Holy Communion.
- I will take a responsible share in supporting the mission of the Church through regular giving of my money, my time, my skills and myself.
- I will serve God not only in the Church but also in my family and in the local and wider community.
- I recognise that I am a part of the worldwide Church, which I express through my allegiance to the denomination(s) indicated on this form.

Signed.....

(Please keep this page as a reminder)

Application for New or Renewal of Membership

About You

Full Name
Address.....
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..... Post Code.....
Telephone Number.....
Email.....

Your Local Church

I wish to be entered on the membership list of the Partnership of West Swindon and the Lydiards at
..... Church

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My Church background is:.....

Please Tick
As
Appropriate

<input type="checkbox"/> A	I wish to be entered as a multiple member recognised by all four sponsoring denominations (Baptist, Church of England, Methodist, United Reformed Church)
<input type="checkbox"/> B	I wish to be entered only as a member of my main denomination

(Please return this page to your Church)

Please Note

It is possible to be a member of the Partnership as either:

- A. holding MULTIPLE membership of the four sponsoring denominations.
- B. or holding SINGLE denomination membership with one of those that support this Local Ecumenical Partnership or a Church in full communion with one that does.

After consideration by the Local Church Committee, whether you choose multiple or single denomination, your name will be entered on the membership lists (including the electoral roll) of the appropriate sponsoring bodies.

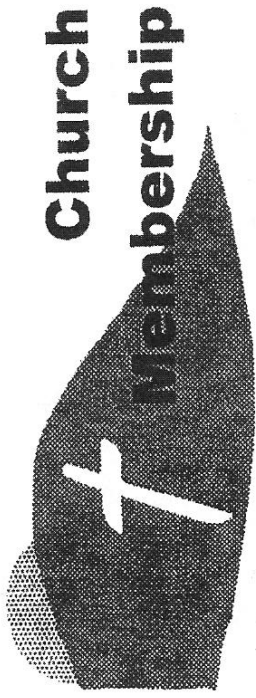
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Your Commitment

A Reflection "God has touched you with his love and given you a place among his people. God promises to be with you in joy and in sorrow, to be your guide in life and bring you safely to heaven. Together with all God's people you must explore the way of Jesus and grow in friendship with God, in love for his people, and in serving others. With us you will be able to listen to the word of God and receive the gifts of God." (adapted from the Baptism Service)

Please Sign Here

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ I am a baptised Christian ❖ I am over 16 years of age ❖ I am aware of the responsibilities of committed Church Membership <p>Signed</p> <p>Date</p>



The Ecumenical Partnership of West Swindon and the Lydiards Baptist · Church of England · Methodist · United Reformed Church

As you acknowledge Jesus as your Lord and Saviour and have been baptised, you are a member of His worldwide Church.

We, as Christians, share this relationship with similarly baptised believers living in our area. Therefore, to be able to live out our faith in this world, we acknowledge the need for showing this fellowship visibly within our local Churches. Local Church Membership is part of that expression of faith.

The Ecumenical Partnership of West Swindon and the Lydiards comprises 5 local Churches:

- All Saints, Lydiard Millicent
- Holy Trinity Church, Shaw
- St Mary's Church, Lydiard Tregoze
- Toothill Church
- Westlea Church

All share a covenant relationship with four sponsoring denominations: Baptist, Church of England, Methodist and United Reformed Church.

God by His grace has given us a share in His Church and His mission. Please consider your part in this prayerfully before you complete this application form. If any part of this is unclear to you, your minister or the person who gave you this form will be happy to explain it to you.