

ACHIEVING MORE TOGETHER

A COVENANT BETWEEN CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH YARRA AND ST MARTIN'S HAWKSBURN

OUR TWO PARISHES have a shared history and a geographic proximity. We share a common approach to many aspects of liturgy, ministry and mission and are committed to working together in the mission of Christ, by:

- not doing separately what we might do together, and
- doing together what we are less able to do separately.

WITH THIS AIM we commit to do the following in support of our joint desire to achieve more together:

- We will pray for each other regularly.
- We will support each other with our presence and participation in:
 - the monthly Choral Evensong hosted at Christ Church South Yarra,
 - one another's significant worship services,
 - the local ecumenical cycle of worship.
- We will build on the established pattern of shared seasonal Quiet Days and Retreats.
- We will seek opportunities to reflect together on the Scriptures and tradition.
- We will endeavour to meet the needs of children and families in our local area through the ministries of our two parishes.
- We will jointly support and alternately host an Annual Mission Dinner to aid the mission of the wider Church.
- We will co-operate in providing an Emergency Food Relief program to those in need. It will be based at St Martin's, with Christ Church offering assistance through the services of volunteers and the provision of food collected by the parish and Christ Church Grammar School.
- We will develop ministry resources to extend the capabilities of our parishes in pastoral care and other ministries.
- We will plan our Parish Calendars so as not to clash with each other's special events as far as possible.
- We will consult and collaborate on matters of administration and compliance to reduce costs and improve efficiency.
- We will meet together regularly to explore our respective strengths, weaknesses, gifts, and needs. We will remain open to ways in which we can co-operate in God's mission and further the purposes of God's Kingdom in the world.

WE UNDERTAKE to review this Covenant annually, to modify it in accord with the desires and aspirations of our respective communities of faith and the leading of the Holy Spirit, and to recommit to the covenantal agreements it contains.

Signed by the Vicars and Churchwardens of both parishes at a combined Choral Evensong
at Christ Church on Sunday 17 April 2016:

The Revd Dr Richard Treloar	The Revd Sam Goodes
Ms Bunty Calder	Ms Meredith Rogers
Ms Sarah Benfield	Ms Elizabeth Kelly
Mr Jamie Miller	Ms Ann Cutts