



Rumney Chapel

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Members Covenant

Having received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour, and having been baptised, and being in agreement with the Rumney Chapel statement of faith, purpose, and mission, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the believers in Rumney Chapel as my local Church family. I have met the requirements as outlined below, and I will indicate my commitment to the church as described below. As a member of Rumney Chapel, I commit myself to God and to other members in following the five points as outlined in summary and detail:

1. I will protect the unity of the Church.
2. I will share the responsibility of my Church.
3. I will serve the ministry of my Church.
4. I will support the testimony of the Church.
5. Membership Requirements

1. I will protect the unity of the Church by:

- **Walking in love toward other members**

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. (Eph. 5:1)

So then let us pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another. (Rom. 14:19)

Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. (Eph. 4:1-6)

Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart (1 Pet. 1:22)

- **Refusing to gossip or listen to gossip**

He who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets, therefore do not associate with a gossip. (Proverbs 20:19)

Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear. (Eph. 4:29)

- **Dealing biblically with conflict**

If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the Church; and if he refuses to listen even to the Church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. (Matt. 18:15-17 see also 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15)

- **Following and respecting the leadership of the Church, and submitting myself to the care and correction of leadership should the need arise**

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you. (Heb. 13:17)

2. I will share the responsibility of my Church by:

- **Praying for its growth**

To the Church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers.; (1 Thessalonians 1:1)

- **Inviting unbelievers to attend**

And the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled.' (Luke 14:23)
...but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defence to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.; (1 Pet. 3:15)

Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person. (Col. 4:6)

- **Showing love to those who visit**

but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.
(Eph. 4:15-16)

See 1 Corinthians 12-14 regarding how love is the greatest spiritual gift and the most effective for ministry.

- **Developing healthy relationships with other members and other people**

See John 17 about the Christian's relationship to the world.

See 2nd Thessalonians 2. Notice the relationships and friendships formed in the Book of Acts (Paul went from a persecutor of the Church, to a great leader, and Barnabas befriended Paul and helped him in his spiritual journey, as well as helping Paul to gain acceptance among the Church).

Recommended - Read all of 1 John regarding love for other Christians and other people.

3. I will serve the ministry of my Church by:

- **Discovering my gifts and talents**

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware. (1 Corinthians 12:1)

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. (1 Pet. 4:10)

- **Developing a servant's heart**

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. (Phil. 2:3-4)

- **Loving believers and nonbelievers**

And He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbours as yourself.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." (Matt. 22:37-40)

- **Intentionally growing and seeking to reproduce my devotion to Christ in others**

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."; (Matt. 28:18-20)

4. I will support the testimony of my Church by:

- **Attending faithfully**

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near. (Heb. 10:23-25)

- **Living a godly life**

Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; (Eph. 5:11)

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behaviour; because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." (1 Pet. 1:4-16)

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. (Titus 2:11-14)

- **Giving regularly**

Honour the Lord from your wealth and from the first of all your produce; So your barns will be filled with plenty And your vats will overflow with new wine. (Proverbs 3:9-10)

Thus all the tithe of the land, of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord. (Lev. 27:30)

Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; as it is written, "He scattered abroad, he gave to the poor, His righteousness endures forever."; Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God. Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all, while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9:6-15, also see Phil. 4, Mal. 3)

5. Church Membership Requirements

It is important for Shepherds to know their sheep. How can they protect, provide for, and direct a flock they don't know? By you becoming a member, we not only have information about you, but you have information about us. You have read what the Church expects, why the Church believes these are Biblical principles to follow, what the Church can offer, and how we can work together for the benefit of each other. This will help us minister more effectively. In addition, we hope that through the membership process you have become more aware and knowledgeable about the purposes, mission, beliefs and practices of the Church. We pray that whether you commit to membership here, or not, that the Lord will lead you to a house of worship that meets your needs, that is Biblically centred, spiritually balanced, and a place where you can grow in your relationship with God. Membership is something we hope you will consider at a healthy Church, and we know it will be a blessing to you.

Requirements for Church Membership are:

1. A personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and evidence of a desire to live a consistent Christian life
2. Baptism by immersion.
3. Complete and full agreement with the following

I agree that I am in agreement with Rumney Chapel's statement of faith, and believe in:

- God as Creator of all and the Father of all who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ
- The Lord Jesus Christ as the only begotten Son of God, Redeemer of the world, and the One Mediator, through faith alone we obtain forgiveness of sins.
- God the Holy Spirit
- The fact of sin, and the necessity for atonement.
- The incarnation, death, resurrection and coming again of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The whole Bible as the inspired Word of God.

Signed: _____

Date: _____