

Church Membership

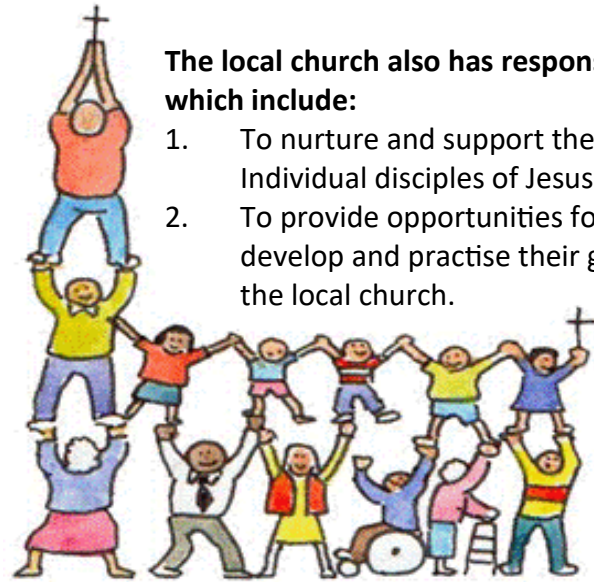
Membership of a local church is simply a commitment to serve the Lord Jesus Christ through a particular gathering of Christians. In the Walton area, five church branches work together through a Local Ecumenical Partnership.

The responsibilities of our church members are those expected of any Christian disciple as members of a local church. From guidance in the Bible these include:

1. Seeking to live a life of a disciple, consistent with the teachings of Jesus Christ.
2. To share regularly in the corporate worship and work of the local church and to support our fellow disciples.
3. To contribute, as able, resources of time, prayer and finance to the work of the church (local and national/international)
4. By example, words or other means, to encourage the spread of the Gospel of Christ.

The local church also has responsibilities to its members, which include:

1. To nurture and support the growth and development of Individual disciples of Jesus Christ.
2. To provide opportunities for members of the church to develop and practise their gifts within the activities of the local church.
3. To pray for each other and provide, when needed or asked, appropriate practical support.
4. To encourage, enthuse and, if necessary, correct fellow disciples.



You're invited...

...to reaffirm your membership of Walton Churches Partnership



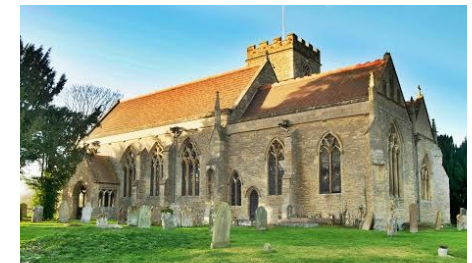
CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS is a Christian community that meets in a range of community spaces in Broughton & Brooklands. Church without Walls is a place where barriers come down, people are welcomed, and together we flourish.
www.mkchurchwithoutwalls.org.uk



CHRIST THE KING CHURCH on Frithwood Crescent, Kents Hill, is a modern church building shared by two different congregations. More details about the Community Church Congregation and the Catholic Church Congregation can be found at www.christthekingmk.co.uk



ST MARY'S CHURCH in Wavendon meets in the historic church building on Walton Road in the centre of Wavendon.
www.stmaryswavendon.co.uk



ALL SAINTS CHURCH meets in the historic church building on Willen Road in Milton Keynes Village.
www.allsaintschurchmkvillage.co.uk

Walton Churches Partnership
Working together in faith and hope to show the love of Christ

Membership Form *(Separate form for each adult)*

Name:

Address:

Postcode:.....Contact Number:.....

Names of children:

Please tick:

I usually attend:

All Saints Christ the King Community Church
Church without Walls St Mary's

I have been baptised in the following Christian tradition *(please ring)*:

- Ecumenically *(i.e. at one of our churches above)*
- Baptist
- United Reformed Church
- Methodist
- Church of England/Anglican
- Other Christian Church *(please specify)*

Signed:..... Date



We would like to invite everyone who is involved in the life of our church community to become a Church Member. This isn't about being super-holy or signing your life away! This is about committing to this community of people who together are trying to follow the way of Jesus today.

Membership commits us to both to this local congregation of St Mary's *and also* to the wider Partnership of churches, which we are an integral part of – this team includes All Saints MK Village, Christ the King Kent's Hill and Church Without Walls in Broughton, alongside our congregation here at St Mary's. We are one big family!

Our vision is: 'Seeking, Celebrating & Sharing the Abundant Life of God'

We are about *life*. And not just any old life: the abundant life that Jesus came to bring. Abundant life can never be kept to itself, never be contained. It flows out into our community, our workplaces, homes and friendships. It has a life of its own, just as its Maker intended.

Our mission: Releasing growth through:

Thinking small – not small thinking! We see the future of our church in a variety of organic, creative initiatives, releasing gifts in all their beautiful diversity.



Generous hospitality – 'The Son of Man came eating and drinking.' We want to emulate that example, just like the first church did: in church, in our homes, reaching out to others. So as far as possible, when we meet, we'll eat.

Involving everyone – we want to invite *everyone* to be participants, not pas-sengers. Church should be a place of personal growth, as well as communal. Everyone matters to God – and to us.



We're not there yet, but this is who we want to be. **We'd love you to join us on that journey!** The back page tells you more about what membership means – but do speak to someone if you'd like to talk about it in more detail. And if at this stage you'd prefer not to commit, why not be a 'Friend' instead? There's a separate form for that 😊