

A Covenant between Cross Hills Methodist Church, Greetland and St Thomas' Church Greetland, in the borough of Calderdale, West Yorkshire

In response to God's call, we the people, lay and ordained, of Cross Hills Methodist Church, Greetland and of St. Thomas' Church, Greetland, believing in one holy, catholic and apostolic church and seeking the visible unity of the church in worship, discipleship and mission, commit ourselves to:

Worship

1. Worship on a Sunday **morning** three times a year and alternating between St Thomas' and Cross Hills. Where possible that will include the Methodist Covenant Service at Cross Hills.
2. Developing creative and alternative **evening** worship services together at least 6 times a year and alternating between Cross Hills and St Thomas'.

Discipleship

3. Exploring and establishing shared Bible Study groups, prayer groups that may include Lent, Holy Week, Advent and at other times of the year.

Mission

4. Continue those areas of shared mission that currently take place including regular monthly Wednesday afternoon services at Ingwood and Woodfield Grange nursing homes
5. Encouraging and supporting one another in shared mission and ministry where possible and appropriate; e.g. Messy Church
6. Exploring the possibilities of joint projects together with a missional focus; e.g presence in West Vale
7. the exploration of the best use of all our resources for mission and ministry and valuing the ministry of lay and ordained alike;
8. valuing our diversity whilst seeking that unity which God desires for the Church, of which we are part, "so that the world may believe" (John 17);
9. the challenge and joys of mission and service in partnership with the people of Greetland.
10. Establishing and maintaining a St Thomas' and Cross Hills Liaison Group for prayer, conversation, planning and action in line with our commitments here.