

# CONSTITUTION FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CROXLEY GREEN

## BASIS

We are committing ourselves on the basis of 'Churches Together in England', which includes among others these full members:

Baptist Union of Great Britain  
Church of England  
Methodist Church  
Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales

Churches Together in Croxley Green unites in pilgrimage those churches in Croxley Green which:

1. acknowledge God's revelation in Christ;
2. confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the scriptures;
3. commit themselves, in obedience to God's will and in the power of the Holy Spirit:
  - a. to seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church, which is his body,
  - b. to fulfil their mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service in the world, to the glory of one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

## AIM

The aims of Churches Together in Croxley Green shall be:

1. to provide means of consultation between the churches;
2. to facilitate common witness to Christ by the member churches;
3. to work and pray for Christian unity in association with each other and with Churches Together in Herts. And Beds. And Churches Together in England.

In particular, Churches Together in Croxley Green shall seek:

- a. to enable the churches, as pilgrims together, to develop growing relationships, to seek a common mind, and make decisions on matters of common concern;
- b. to encourage churches to worship, pray and reflect together, each church sharing with others the treasures of its tradition;
- c. to enable the churches to respond to the needs of the local community and to witness to the Gospel together.

## RELATIONSHIP

Churches Together in Croxley Green is in association with Churches Together in Herts. and Beds. and Churches Together in England.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to any local church or fellowship in the area which affirms the basis and aims of Churches Together in Croxley Green.

## OFFICERS

The officers of Churches Together in Croxley Green shall be Chairman, Vice-chairman, an Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary, who shall be elected annually and serve up to a maximum of five consecutive years as an officer.

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER**

1. Churches Together shall consist of the clergy and ministers and three lay members from each participating church.
2. Churches Together shall meet not less than three times annually. The January meeting shall be the Annual General Meeting, at which the accounts shall be presented, officers elected and annual reports submitted, and which will be open to all participating church members.
3. Churches Together shall have the power to set up sub-committees for specific purposes.
4. Churches Together may have the power to co-opt up to four representatives from member churches for specific times or tasks.

## **FINANCE**

Each participating church shall be invited to pay an annual sum as fixed by the Annual General Meeting. Churches Together shall be able to raise funds for specific purposes as necessary.

## **CONSTITUTION**

Proposed amendments to the constitution must be notified to the Churches Together meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting, and must be circulated in writing to each of the participating churches at least three months before the Annual General Meeting. Any amendment requires the approval of 75% of the voting members of Churches Together present and voting at an AGM, to be accepted.