

# **The Host Group Covenant**

*for the year to the Church Anniversary, 18th June 2016*

Called together by God as the body of Christ, and a sign of his coming Kingdom, we commit ourselves to one another, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to love one another and be a church – a community of grace – following Christ in a shared life of radical obedience to the call of God, discerned together in scripture and prayer, and being further called to be HOSTS of the FEAST we also commit ourselves

To HONOUR and respect the skills, strengths and weaknesses of each member of the group

To OFFER ourselves in service to the congregation to administer the daily requirements of the church

To SUSTAIN each other with prayer, love and grace

To TEND to the physical and spiritual church environment

To SUPPORT each other in actively seeking to discern the vision to which we are being called

To provide an atmosphere of FRIENDSHIP for the congregation within which all feel safe to discuss problems and concerns

To ENCOURAGE all in their visions, dreams and in the undertaking of tasks

To be ACCOUNTABLE to each other and to be willing to be graciously called into account if we repeatedly fail to meet our agreed commitments to the group and the church

To SEEK the will of the Lord in all our activities

To TRUST in our Lord and each other

We stand together; graciously acknowledging that there will be times when we will struggle with ourselves and our calling; accepting that there will be opinions other than our own to which we shall willingly listen, and knowing that nothing can be done without the guidance, love and grace of the Lord of our Church.