

Priestfield Parish Church Patterns of Shared Commitment

Introduction

As a congregation of Christians, we are called to follow Jesus – to be his disciples. From him we learn the need for a discipline of shared commitments to encourage and cajole us to live in his way. These commitments are shaped by our relationships with God, with fellow Christians and with others. They sustain practices that are essential to our growth and development as Christians, reflecting the life of God’s Kingdom to those around us. Thus, they are interior and exterior – they not only shape our ‘inner life’ but they also shape our mission to the world.

And so...

As those who share in the life of Priestfield Parish Church, we commit ourselves to...

Worship, Prayer and Reflection on Scripture

We will:

- Participate frequently in worship with our fellow Christians, as God gives us health
- Engage in daily prayer for the Church and the World, and share in the prayer life of the congregation in its various forms
- Read and reflect on the Bible regularly, that we may find our place in the Story of which we are part, and continue to live out that Story

Mutual Commitments

We will:

- Care for one another in love as sisters and brothers in Christ
- Give generously of our time, talents and money, reviewed regularly as God gives to us, to sustain the life of the congregation, its mission in the Parish and wider charitable causes

- Actively support decisions of the Kirk Session and Congregation, made prayerfully in good faith, about our life and mission
- Share our faith in word and deed with those around us, working for the justice and peace of God's Kingdom that it may 'come on earth as in heaven'

Together, we will commit ourselves to these patterns annually, seeking God's forgiveness where we have fallen short, and the power of his Holy Spirit to renew us in the faith and discipline of the life of Christ.