

JOINT CHURCHES IN CHIDDINGFOLD

AFFIRMATION OF UNITY

revised March 2011

'Working and worshipping together through mutual respect and understanding to serve our Lord Jesus Christ in his mission to Chiddingfold and the world.'

A mission statement agreed at a Joint Churches meeting in March 2010

We, the churches of Chiddingfold:

- Affirm and celebrate that Jesus is Lord and that he wills the unity of his Church.
- Acknowledge the integrity of each tradition of faith.
- Rejoice that the diversity of our traditions strengthens our common faith.
- Give thanks to the Holy Spirit for leading us into closer friendship and unity of purpose.
- Celebrate and encourage the ecumenical work of other Christians in this area and further afield.

So, with each other:

- We prayerfully continue our pilgrimage towards a visible unity.
- Share our Christian life in worship of God and in service to God's world.

To do this we will:

- Continue to worship and pray together:
 - during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
 - during Holy Week
 - at a summer open air service
 - at a reflective autumn service of prayer for healing and wholeness
- Undertake service and outreach through:
 - The Good Neighbours Scheme
 - The Coffee Bar
 - The Welcome Lunch
 - The Holy Week Supper and Talk
 - The Welcome Booklet
 - The Christmas and Easter cards

*We commend each other to the love of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and we pray for God's wisdom and guidance in all we do.*