Christians Together

in the Murray

Church of Scotland – Scottish Episcopal

Church - The Salvation Army – The United

Reformed Church

In September 2016 St. Mark’s Scottish Episcopal Church, Righead United Reformed Church, The Salvation Army East Kilbride Corp. and the South Parish Church of Scotland entered into a partnership agreement as congregations located in the Murray, East Kilbride. In doing so they agreed to

* Recognise one another as communities of Faith, Hope and Love, committed to following Christ and serving the local community as we seek the Kingdom of God.
* Affirm our commitment to one another as partners on the ecumenical journey.
* Rejoice in all we have in common and give thanks for the riches of our traditions.
* Confess that the divisions between the Churches have been and continue to be a barrier to God’s mission.
* Believe that, prompted by the Holy Spirit, we are called into closer partnership with one another as an expression of Jesus prayer ‘that all may be one’ (John 17.21)

Changes in the location of the United Reformed Church congregation and the Presbytery Planning proposals means that the partnership needs to find a new form as two of the partners will no longer have buildings in the Murray community.

A meeting of representatives of all four congregations in the partnership affirmed the desire to continue serving the people of the Murray, retain wherever possible a church presence in the Murray and support members of our congregations living in the Murray.

We therefore affirm our intention to serve the community of the Murray, using the buildings and resources available to us, and to grow together as a Christian community.

**Christians Together in the Murray: Prayer of Commitment**

God who makes all things new, as your people in the Murray,

fill us with faith, hope and love which is your gift to all people;

enable us to live as citizens of your Kingdom, sharing that life with the community in which we are set;

keep us faithful to the Gospel and to each other as we seek to be an expression

 of the unity which Christ wills for the Church.

In the name of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Saviour. Amen.