



The Covenant

As Southend Area Baptist churches on a journey with God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
open to change,
ready to discover new ways of partnering together
for the sake of the gospel
we come this day to **covenant with God**,
the one who creates, the one who saves,
and **with each other as churches**
to watch over each other
and walk together with God, in ways known, and to be made known.

As churches on a journey with God,
we commit to **gather together** to worship and **pray**
that God's kingdom in the Southend Area might grow and flourish
in, through and even beyond our local congregations.

As churches on a journey with God,
We commit to **partner in mission**,
in **training**, in **discerning**, and in **responding**
to opportunities (new and existing),
to witness, to plant churches, and to share resources in supporting
Christian faith and community around and beyond us.

As churches on a journey with God,
we commit to **supporting and encouraging**
those who lead and serve amongst us.

As churches on a journey with God,
we commit to **engaging with and supporting wider Baptist life**
in Association, Union and BMS.

Southend Area Baptist Network
Encountering God in worship, mission and the wider church

Signed
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