



ROSSKEEN
FREE CHURCH

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Members Handbook



Welcome

Welcome to the Rosskeen Free Church members handbook!

If you are reading this then you have either just become a member of the congregation or you are giving it serious consideration - either way this gives us great joy. It really does give us all at Rosskeen the greatest pleasure that you wish to profess faith in Jesus and commit yourself to the work that God is doing through the local Church in this community.

We are committed as a Church to reaching as many people as possible with the Good News of Jesus and to seek to engage the entire congregation to join us in doing this. You are about to embark on the most exciting journey of all – the mission of God. God is on a mission to redeem a broken world and he is doing this through his Church. We are committed to keeping mission as a focus of all we do and to seek to develop a Missional culture and community among our membership.

In this booklet we hope to explain something about what it means to be a member of a Church and provide a point of reference to support you in your Christian journey.

If you have any questions at all, please ask!

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The Church

What is the church?

First and foremost the Church is a family. A very real family with Jesus at the head. It is not a building, or a place we go to. It is the body of Jesus Christ in this world, made up of all of the people he has called to be it's members. We do not go to church, we are the church.

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The church also functions at a local level in a similar way, if you like that is our more immediate family which remains a part of the larger, worldwide family. To be a member of Rosskeen Free Church means to be a member of that local branch of the family. We are a local community of believers seeking to live out our calling to God's mission.

As a congregation, we belong to a wider denomination called the Free Church of Scotland¹. We are Presbyterian in structure (which means that the Church is governed by elders) and Reformed and Calvinistic in our beliefs.

What is Membership?

Church membership is a concept some of you may not have come across before. In our church context the meaning is subtly different from what it means to be a member of other organisations. Attendance (even regular attendance) at church does not make you a member. Unlike, say, a social club or a sports centre, membership requires a commitment from you, rather than simply an involvement. From the moment you make a commitment to Jesus as Lord and become a Christian, you are a member of his worldwide, universal church. Whilst this is the difference between being saved and not, we also believe that it is biblical to be in membership of a local church. Many will say that the Bible does not

¹ www.freechurch.org

command local membership, and it is true that it doesn't use the term explicitly. The New Testament, however, clearly assumes it. The writer to the Hebrews exhorts Christians to obey and respect their local leadership², something which would not be possible without some sort of local structure. The same passage speaks of leaders' responsibility for those under them, as does Peter³, if leaders are to meet this responsibility they must know who belongs to the local body they have been called to lead. There are various other passages which indicate local structure, accountability and awareness of who was 'in' membership and who was not⁴.

"A credible profession of faith" - in other words, that you are willing to publicly 'own up' to being a Christian and trusting in Christ for salvation - is the principle requirement for local membership (you cannot be a member of the local church if you are not a member of the universal church). Beyond this there is an expectation of commitment to the local body of which you are a member, which in turn commits to your wellbeing. Just like the various parts (members - limbs) of our body contribute to its well being and are in turn nurtured by it. The membership covenant at the end of this document lays out a few of these as a guideline.

Elders & Deacons

In his family Jesus appoints leaders to care for his people, just as our families are led by parents who have a responsibility to look after the other family members.

In our Church there are only two types of office – *Elder* and *Deacon*. The Ministers are Elders with special responsibility for preaching and teaching, and together the Elders and ministers make up what we call the 'Kirk Session'.

The **Elders'** duty is to lovingly pastor, encourage, support, guide and teach members of the congregation. We would appreciate your prayers in this role. The Elders have responsibility to care for the souls of those connected to the congregation and to provide leadership and direction.

² Hebrews 13:17

³ 1 Peter 5:2

⁴ 1 Timothy 5, 1 Corinthians 12, Acts 2 and more

It is also the responsibility of the Elders to ensure that the teaching in the Church is faithful to what the Bible says.

Deacons were first appointed to help with the pastoral work of the Church and to oversee the practical mercy ministries of the Church (feeding the hungry etc. – you can read about it in Acts 6).

In our Church, for historical reasons and also because of OSCR (the Charities regulator in the UK), the Deacons are responsible for maintaining the assets of the congregation. This would include the maintenance of buildings, health & safety, church finances etc. The Deacons, together with the ministers and representatives of the Kirk Session, make up what we call the 'Deacons Court'.

Service



As well as our 'official' roles, we believe, very strongly, in the importance of every person in the Church. Every single person has gifts from God and a role to play in God's work in the area. We hope this is exciting rather than daunting! As a Church leadership we desire to help you discover and use your talents to serve God in his work here. The Bible speaks of the Church as being a body⁵, and that every part of that body is crucial and has a role to play in

how it functions.

That's a picture of the Church. We can, at times, envy the gifts of others or think too little of ourselves but God has a role for us to play. To see God's mission flourish we need as many parts of the body engaged in the work as possible. Where can you serve on God's mission through Rosskeen and the work we are involved in? If you're unsure come and talk to us, maybe ask a friend what they think your gifts are. The one thing certain is that you have some.

⁵ 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

What We Believe

Our office bearers subscribe to the Westminster Confession of Faith⁶ as what we call our denomination's 'subordinate standard'. This is not to say that it is on par with the Bible (nothing is). We are simply saying that we believe it to be an accurate summary of what the Bible teaches.

As a summary, we can say that we believe the following. These are our core, essential beliefs.

The Bible: We believe that the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments (and only these books) are the verbally inspired Word of God in their entirety. These books are the final authority for faith and life (since they are breathed out by God). In their original form they are without error, infallible and God-breathed (inspired)⁷.

God: There is One God, creator, ruler and sustainer of all that is.⁸ God eternally (i.e. He has always been this way) exists in a community of three persons – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit (what theologians call the Trinity). Three persons but one God⁹. Yes, we know that makes your head hurt but it is clearly taught in the Bible. Each divine person is co-eternal in being, co-eternal in nature, co-equal in power and glory, sharing the same attributes and perfections. This Tri-une (3 but 1) God is all-powerful, all-knowing. He is just, wise, loving, gracious, patient and good. All things were made by him and for him and exist for his Glory.

Jesus: Jesus is the eternal Son of God, the second person of the Godhead (see reference to the Trinity above). He is fully God and became man without ceasing to be God, being conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin¹⁰. Jesus came to both reveal God¹¹ and to redeem sinful man¹². He lived a sinless life in perfect obedience to God; died on the Cross as a willing substitute for our sins, taking the death we deserve as our representative, bearing God's punishment on sin. After

⁶ https://freechurch.org/assets/documents/2014/Westminster_Confession_of_Faith.pdf

⁷ 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20

⁸ Psalm 24:1, Deuteronomy 6:4

⁹ 2 Corinthians 13:14, Matthew 28:19

¹⁰ Matthew 1:18, Luke 1:30-35, Isaiah 7:14

¹¹ John 1:1, 2, 14 & 18, John 14:19

¹² Mark 10:45

three days he rose (literally, physically) from the dead which assures us of our justification.

After his resurrection He ascended into Heaven bodily (where he prays for us as our representative) and where He is exalted as Lord of all at the right hand of God¹³.

From there he will come again to bring an end to this world and judge the living and the dead¹⁴. Jesus is the sole mediator between God and men¹⁵. There is no hope, no salvation in anyone else.

The Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead. He is a person, not an impersonal force (Ephesians 4:30; Acts 5:3). The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment (John 16:8) and He comes to live in every Christian (Acts 2:38). He applies the work of Jesus to us, distributes spiritual gifts to us (1 Corinthians 12), teaches us (John 16:14), gives us power for daily life ((Acts 1:8) and his indwelling is God's seal on us until the day of Redemption (Ephesians 4:30)

Sinfulness of Mankind: We believe that men and women were created equally in the sight of God in His full image and likeness (Genesis 1:26). Humanity has a unique dignity because of this (Genesis 9:6).

Adam and Eve, our first parents, disobeyed God and sinned in the Garden in Eden (Genesis 3). Since then death, pain, suffering and evil entered into God's good creation. From Adam's sin every human being inherits a sinful nature (Psalm 51:5; Romans 5:12) and, by nature, is alienated from God (Ephesians 2:1-5; Colossians 1: 21-22; Romans 3:23).

We believe in the total depravity of the human heart (not that we are as bad as we can be but that every part of us is affected by sin). Of ourselves, we are utterly unable to remedy our lost state in the sight of God (Ephesians 2:8-9).

¹³ Hebrews 8:2, 7:25, Psalm 110:1, Acts 1:9, 1 John 2:1-2

¹⁴ Acts 1:11, Matthew 26:64, Matthew 24:30-31, Acts 17:31

¹⁵ 1 Timothy 2:5

Salvation: We are saved by faith alone, in Christ alone, through grace alone. Salvation cannot be earned in any way. (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 6:23).

All that needed to be done has been done by Jesus. He lived the perfect life that God demanded that we couldn't, died bearing God's punishment in our place and rose again triumphing over sin, Satan and death. (Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19).

God in his love offers reconciliation, love, joy, life to all people through the Gospel. He forgives sinners whom he calls granting them repentance and eternal life. When our faith is placed in Jesus what Martin Luther called 'The Great Exchange' takes place. We get credited with the perfect righteousness of Jesus and our sin is forgiven in Jesus. Once in Christ, believers are kept by God's power and can never be lost. In short, salvation is a gift from God through grace, received through personal faith in Jesus. We contribute nothing!

Vision Statement

We believe that our calling as a church can be summarised by our simple four word vision: **worship - share - serve - send**

Worship

We recognise that God is great, and we are not. We worship God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) because we believe that this is the primary purpose for which he created humanity. Our worship is centred on God's good news of grace through Jesus Christ. We believe in the priority of preaching. We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, and that where it is faithfully preached, we hear God speak. Worship is more than just the songs we sing, or even what we do when we meet together on a Sunday. Rather, Worship is to be the way we live. We are therefore committed to being a community of Jesus' disciples with a passion for his glory as we share, serve and send.

Share

The Gospel is good news for everyone. Evangelism is the sharing of that good news. We desire to be a people who continually share the good news to one another, to our community and to the world. We want to do this using every means at our disposal. We therefore seek to be a people who reflect the diversity of the community in which we live, with all ages and cultural backgrounds represented.

Serve

The Bible describes the church as a body of which every believer is a part. Our vision is for every believer to use their time, energy and gifts to serve as part of Christ's church in our community. Jesus calls his people to love one another as he has loved us, this is our defining mark. We therefore come together in worship to study the Word of God, pray, foster relationships and grow in love for him and each other as we serve together.

Send

We want to be a church which equips every member to serve Jesus, going out into the community and beyond in ministry and mission work of various kinds. Our desire is to be a resourcing church that helps equip our wider denomination and other Gospel partners, sending support in every way we can. By this we seek to play our part in Jesus' Great Commission.

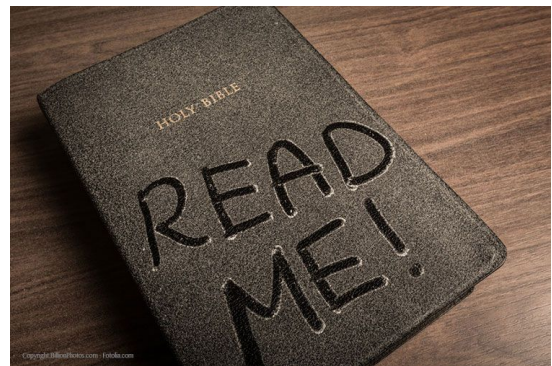


Spiritual Disciplines

Nothing is more important than your own personal relationship with Jesus. Nothing! Guard this above everything else. We cannot stress enough the importance of private Bible reading and prayer. Form good habits early and it can be a great help.

Bible Reading

First of all find a version of the Bible that you can understand. There are many different translations out there (the bible originally was largely written in Hebrew and Greek) - some use modern English, others more archaic language. At Rosskeen Free Church we use the New International Version (NIV) as it reads well when read aloud and is reasonably easy to understand. Other versions we recommend are the English Standard Version (ESV) or the New Living Translation (NLT). For younger people a 'Youth Bible' can be very helpful.



It can be useful to change the version you read from time to time as this can help you get a better grasp of what God is saying, and comparing versions can shed light on the meaning of passages too.

Bible reading plans can be useful, especially as you learn to study the Bible and we would encourage you to invest in a study bible which has explanatory notes along the way. Some find daily reading notes beneficial too (Daily Bread, The Word for Today, Explore, SU notes, Spurgeon's Morning and Evening and many others – speak to the ministers or your life group leaders if you would like advice).

If you are totally new to the Bible we would recommend starting with what we call the Gospels. There are Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, the first four books of the New Testament, which describe the life and

ministry of Jesus. Spend some time here before moving on to the rest of the New Testament and Old Testament.

In time, vary between Old and New Testament and try learning parts of the Bible off by heart. Remember that God wrote the Bible; so ask him to help you understand what you are reading.

The Church has plenty of Bible study options for you to come and learn more about God's Word and to discuss and ask questions – check the bulletin or ask the ministers for more details. Any of the ministers or other Church members would be delighted to answer any questions you have at any time – please don't be shy, ask!

Pray

Prayer is really about a relationship – we're talking to our Father in Heaven who loves us so, so deeply. He delights in our spending time with him. He delights in his children. Amazing!



Make prayer a daily routine - find a quiet place and time that suits you– but talk to God throughout the day as well. Develop the habits of interacting with him as you go – maybe asking for help, forgiveness, or perhaps giving thanks. We can pray anywhere, anytime, wherever we are. It is important to pray together as well as a Church family, but also pray together where possible as families or couples.

Don't be afraid to talk about anything with God. There's nothing too big that he can't cope with and nothing too small that he doesn't care about. And remember – he knows everything already so why hold something back? We pray knowing this, but also knowing that prayer is powerful and effective. The Bible is full of examples of God answering prayer and God's love gives us confidence to come and pray.

[Listen to Sermons](#)

Listening to sermons helps us to grow in our understanding of God's Word. Audio recordings of the Rosskeen Free Church sermons are available from the website and we also have DVD recordings available. There are many great resources available – we recommend men like Tim Keller, Alistair Begg, Sinclair Ferguson, Matt Chandler, Tim Chester, John Stott, and Rico Tice – that's enough to start you off! Put them on your MP3 player/smartphone/tablet and take them with you, listen in the car or wherever. Obviously, with the Internet there is the bad as well as the good so be careful – the ministry team are happy to talk if you need any advice. Remember that this is additional. It does not replace coming to Church in person or your own Bible reading.



[Try and Read!](#)

It is important to read Christian books and we would encourage you to read what you can – even if you're not a big reader. The church has a (very limited) library, and books can be ordered easily online (Amazon, Eden.co.uk, the Good Book Company or the Free Church Books website among others). If you can get to a good Christian bookshop you can also buy them in person. Not every book sold as a Christian book is entirely edifying though and discernment is needed. If you are unsure it's worth asking the minister, elders or other mature Christians for advice. Again we would recommend authors like Tim Challies, Sinclair Ferguson, Donald MacLeod, Timothy Keller, Matt Chandler, C S Lewis, John Stott, Charles Spurgeon to name just a few.

E-books are available on various platforms as are audiobooks for those less keen on reading. These can be accessed across a number of devices and mean you can take your library with you when you are on the go.

Church Activities

We have spoken a lot about our individual spiritual lives (which is important), but the Bible also emphasises the idea of community. The Church is a family, we spend time together, we share our lives together. We cannot – at least should not – try to live the Christian life in isolation. Rosskeen Free Church has a number of regular activities which are intended to help us do this.

Sunday Services

It is crucial that we make the Sunday Services a priority. Here we meet to praise God, offer our praises in song and make our financial offerings. It is here too that we hear the Bible preached – explained and applied to our lives. Please don't neglect this vitally important part of Church life. It encourages others to see you attend as well as helping you to grow in our faith.

There may also be opportunities to discuss the sermons informally – your chance to ask any questions you may have, or even just listen to others discuss God's Word. These studies come highly recommended.

Services typically close with the benediction. A benediction is a formal word for a blessing. What the minister (or whoever is leading the service) is doing is pronouncing a blessing from God on those gathered. It is not a prayer.

We hold regular Sunday services at Rosskeen Free Church on the A9 at Achmagarron and also in the Capstone Centre in Alness both morning and evening.

Life Groups

It is hard sometimes to develop close relationships when there are so many people together on a Sunday. We very much believe in the importance of both "big church" and "little church". House groups and

small groups can be thought of as “little Church”. Here you can get integrated better into Christian community (absolutely central to being the Church) and receive help in your discipleship and growth in the faith. House Groups provide opportunity for discussion, teaching, fellowship and accountability.

Our small groups take the form of **Life Groups**, which currently meet twice a month midweek in people’s homes, the church hall and the Capstone Centre.

We would STRONGLY recommend you get plugged into a small group. God does not intend us to go through life as a Christian alone. The picture we have of the New Testament Church is that of a group sharing their lives with each other. The rich gave to the poor, those who had gave to those who didn’t. They socialised together, worshipped together, ate together, prayed for one another. We long for Rosskeen to be a community after God’s own heart. Forming deep relationships, loving one another and being accountable is vital to a healthy church. Small groups are also very much Biblical, following the pattern of the early church.

For more details on our Life Groups, speak to one of the Elders or the minister or see our weekly bulletin.

[Prayer Meetings](#)

Just as our personal prayer lives have a huge influence on our spiritual health, so our communal prayer times as a church are vital to our church life. Meeting together as a body for prayer is one of the basic marks of the church and helps us to grow closer in fellowship. They can also be a real time of refreshment when you need it. As a congregation we have a number of prayer meetings at various times throughout the week and we would encourage you to get involved in some or all of them. All of the work we do as a church needs to be underpinned by prayer and praying together allows us to do this as a family.

For more details of where and when we meet for prayer, speak to one of the Elders or see the information bulletins or events pages on the website.

The Lord's Supper

We currently celebrate the Lord's Supper (communion) a number of times a year in the congregation (the frequency is at the discretion of the Kirk Session).

Jesus commands everyone who believes in him to take bread and wine in an act that is both looking back at his death for us, but also looks forward to his coming back (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). The bread and the wine are symbols of Jesus' body broken on the Cross for us, and his blood that was poured out for us.



Put simply, we are prone to forget Jesus all too easily. The Lord's Supper re-focuses us and gives us an opportunity to repent of any sin in our lives. It is also what theologians call a means of grace. This means that it is one of the primary ways (along with preaching) that God strengthens us in our walk with Him. In a very real (but mysterious) way Jesus meets - or communes - with us as we sit at his Table (hence why we call it communion). We also come together as a community. It is both solemn and a celebration – a family meal for the family of God.

Often we will have visiting ministers to preach at these services – this has been a tradition for many years. Our ministers will take around half of the communion services each year themselves.

Baptism

The evidence from the Bible is crystal clear – everyone who trusted in Jesus was then baptised (Acts 2:41; Acts 8:26-40; 1 Corinthians 13-17). Jesus himself left that command with his Church – to go and make disciples, baptising and teaching them (Matthew 28:18-20). So to baptise is simply to be obedient to Jesus.

What is baptism? Baptism is an outward demonstration of what Jesus has already done for us. As we pour water on the heads of new believers it represents that they have their faith in Jesus. As such, Jesus has washed them clean, their sins are gone.

We also believe that children with at least one parent who is a believer can be baptized. Acts 2:39 speaks of God's promise being for children as well; Acts 16:33 tells of the Philippian Jailer's whole family being baptised. Children are members of the covenant community represented by the church. (Gen 17:1-14, Mat 19:5)

Infants should be brought for baptism by one or more believing parent. The parent or parents take the baptism vows on behalf of the child. In doing so they affirm their own faith and pledge to bring the child up in the ways of God. It would be incompatible to pledge to bring up a child in a way which they themselves do not walk in. It is sufficient that only one parent be a believer. 1 Corinthians 7:14 speaks of families where one spouse is a believer and the other is not. Non-believing parents should not take the baptism vows.

The baptism of children is debated and different churches have different views. That believers must be baptised is non-negotiable but infant baptism is a matter of Christian liberty and conscience. We can debate it but pray we won't divide over it.

Finance

At the front entrance to all our services there is an offering plate. You may not have noticed it or wondered what it is or what the money goes to. The money generously given by those attending is what funds all the work of the Church in the area. It pays for our social ministries, youth work, workers salaries, upkeep of buildings, heating and light etc. Donations can be earmarked for particular works if that is preferred. The work of God's Kingdom costs but it is a cost we gladly bear to bring the light of Jesus to our community. The church does not receive funding from the government or any similar body, it is entirely dependant on donations from its members and supporters.

Not everyone gives money through the offering plate, and in the age of Internet banking, more and more of us prefer to do these things remotely. Standing orders can be set up very easily – simply speak to the Treasurer or the church office. If you are a UK taxpayer please also consider filling in a Gift Aid form. It costs you nothing, just takes 2 minutes of your time but makes a BIG difference to the Church as we can reclaim some of the tax you have already paid. This works out at an extra 25p for every pound you donate.

Every penny given is accounted for in accounts audited and sent to the UK Charities regulator OSCR. Each year the accounts will be presented to the congregation and you can ask any questions you may have about them.

Why do we give though? The Bible speaks a lot about it. To put it simply we give in response to what we receive through the grace of God in the Gospel. God is generous. He gave his one and only Son that we might have life through believing in him. Jesus bore the cost so others might live.

We give in response to God's grace. Our money and possessions are not ours but gifts given by God of which we are stewards, and in time we will give an account of our stewardship before Jesus. The Old Testament speaks about the giving of a tithe (one-tenth) of our income to

God.⁷ The New Testament speaks more generally and simply says that our giving is to be voluntary, cheerful, regular, sacrificial, proportionate to our income and generous.⁸ While the tithe provides a general guide this is a matter of the heart and a response in love to God. We can be generous trusting in the provision of our loving Father in Heaven¹⁶.

Conclusion

We hope you find a family here at Rosskeen. That is what God wants his Church to be. A place where we are loved and love one another. A place where we can speak the truth in love. A place where we can be open. A place where we can encourage each other to grow in godliness.

God lives inside every believer and He is doing a work in us, making us more and more like him. God also wants to do a great work through us and for many others to come to hear the Gospel and come to have life. We believe God has many people in this community (Acts 18:10) that he will do great things in us and through us.

The last few years have seen a massive upheaval in the Church in Scotland and we believe God is doing a new thing (Isaiah 43:19) and there is much excitement ahead! To embark on the Christian life is to embark on the greatest adventure of them all. Life to the full – which is Christ's life in us.

¹⁶ Matthew 6: 25-34

Rosskeen Free Church Membership Covenant

Your Obligations As Members...

- ❖ We promise, with God's help, to prioritise our relationship with the Lord Jesus through regular Bible reading, prayer, and fellowship. We promise to regularly attend services and communion at Rosskeen as well as serve in some of the congregational work and activities such as we are able. (Colossians 4:2; Hebrews 10:25)
- ❖ Only as a member of Rosskeen can we lead congregational activities or teach in any capacity.
- ❖ We will strive, by God's grace, to walk in holiness as an act of worship to Jesus Christ who has saved us from our sin so that we could live new lives. We acknowledge that our worship is an attitude covering the whole of life and that we are called to serve the mission of God (2 Corinthians 5:17).
- ❖ We promise to diligently work and pray to preserve unity and peace in the congregation. To keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:3).
- ❖ We promise to seek, by God's grace, to bring up our children in the training and instruction of the Lord, to love them and pray for their salvation (Ephesians 6:4; 1 Peter 3:1)
- ❖ We promise to pray for the gospel in our area. We promise to pray for our families, friends, communities and our church family.
- ❖ We will submit to the Bible as the final authority on all issues (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- ❖ We willingly submit to the authority of the leadership that God has placed over us (Hebrews 13:17).
- ❖ We will seek to be accountable to our fellow Christians and humbly submit to righteous discipline when approached biblically by fellow Christians, in love, and to discipline by the Kirk Session should the situation ever arise, (Matthew 18: 15-17; 1 Corinthians 5:1-5; 2)
- ❖ We promise to support the mission of God through our giving and serving (Romans 12:1-8; 2 Corinthians 8-9; 12:7-31; 1 Peter 4:10-11).

...Our Obligation To You

- ❖ We will endeavour, by God's grace, to lead the flock of Rosskeen as loving Shepherds (1 Peter 5:2).
- ❖ We will follow the criteria assigned by the Bible when we elect new elders and deacons (1 Timothy 3: 1-13; 5:17-22; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-5).
- ❖ We will endeavour to seek, first and foremost, God's will for our congregation to the best of our ability as we study God's Word and follow the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28: 19-20; Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29).
- ❖ We covenant to care for you and seek your growth as a disciple of Jesus, by equipping you for service (Ephesians 4: 11-13) and praying for you regularly, particularly when you are sick or struggling (James 5:14).
- ❖ We will provide teaching and counsel from the whole of God's Word to the best of our ability (1 Timothy 5:17-18).
- ❖ We covenant to guard our Church from false teachers and teaching. (Acts 20:29; Matthew 7:15)
- ❖ We covenant to lovingly exercise Church discipline (Matthew 18: 15-20; Galatians 6:1; 1 Corinthians 5).
- ❖ We covenant to set an example, by God's grace, and join you in fulfilling the duties of a Church member (1 Corinthians 11:1; Philippians 3:17; 1 Timothy 4:12)

This is a concise explanation of the responsibilities of members and the responsibilities of the Church to its members.

Don't be put off by it! It is just a summary of what the Bible teaches. None of us are perfect but we can encourage and support each other in our growth in Jesus.

That's our greatest desire as a Church leadership – to see us grow together in love for Jesus and be built up in our faith.

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