



Bunyan Road Christian Fellowship (Church of God of Prophecy Bedford)

We, the undersigned, commit to honour the Armed Forces Covenant and support the Armed Forces Community. We recognise the value Serving Personnel, both Regular and Reservists, Veterans and military families contribute to our business and our country.

Signed on behalf of:

**Bunyan Road Christian Fellowship
(Church of God of Prophecy Bedford)**

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Position: *SENIOR PASTOR*

Position: *CHAPLAIN*

Date: *22nd January 2020*

Date: *22nd JANUARY 2020*

The Armed Forces Covenant

An Enduring Covenant Between

The People of the United Kingdom

Her Majesty's Government

– and –

All those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces of the Crown

And their Families

The first duty of Government is the defence of the realm. Our Armed Forces fulfil that responsibility on behalf of the Government, sacrificing some civilian freedoms, facing danger and, sometimes, suffering serious injury or death as a result of their duty. Families also play a vital role in supporting the operational effectiveness of our Armed Forces. In return, the whole nation has a moral obligation to the members of the Naval Service, the Army and the Royal Air Force, together with their families. They deserve our respect and support, and fair treatment.

Those who serve in the Armed Forces, whether Regular or Reserve, those who have served in the past, and their families, should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services. Special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most such as the injured and the bereaved.

This obligation involves the whole of society: it includes voluntary and charitable bodies, private organisations, and the actions of individuals in supporting the Armed Forces. Recognising those who have performed military duty unites the country and demonstrates the value of their contribution. This has no greater expression than in upholding this Covenant.

Section 1: Principles Of The Armed Forces Covenant

1.1 We Bunyan Road Christian Fellowship (Church of God of Prophecy Bedford) will endeavour in our business dealings to uphold the key principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, which are:

- *no member of the Armed Forces Community should face disadvantage in the provision of public and commercial services compared to any other citizen*
- *in some circumstances special treatment may be appropriate especially for the injured or bereaved.*

Section 2: Demonstrating our Commitment

2.1 Bunyan Road Christian Fellowship (Church of God of Prophecy Bedford) recognises the value serving personnel, reservists, veterans and military families bring to our business. We will seek to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, by:

- *promoting the fact that we are an armed forces-friendly organisation by invitation of service personnel and veterans and their families to our services and events and by the attendance of the chaplain at outside events for our veterans and serving personnel where appropriate.;*
- *striving to support Service spouses and partners through pastoral support and charitable services such as food provisions and clothing;*
- *offering support to our local cadet units, either in our local community or in local schools, where possible by communicating the presence of the chaplaincy and remaining in liaison with the cadet units should they need the chaplains attendance;*
- *aiming to actively participate in Armed Forces Day by chaplaincy representation at the events held locally;*
- *affirming the importance of the local chaplaincy to the local armed forces and veteran community by providing chaplaincy in the community to work across the armed forces community.*
- *recognising and remembering the sacrifices made by others by marking Remembrance Sunday and other such occasions.*

2.2 We will publicise these commitments through our literature and/or on our website, setting out how we will seek to honour them and inviting feedback from the Service community and our customers on how we are doing.