

## CHURCH LEADERS TO COVENANT IN NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK

An important date for Churches working together in Norfolk will be Sunday, 3 November 1991 3.00pm in Norwich Cathedral. This is when the Church Leaders will sign a personal covenant as an act of public commitment.

The Covenant declares:

"We give thanks to God for the close friendship and trust which has grown between us in recent years, through which we have each gained encouragement and hope in our ministry.

We believe that we have been led by the Holy Spirit to make this public commitment:

To pray regularly for each other and for the unity of Christ's church.

To be present together from time to time in acts of public worship and witness.

To enable and to encourage the churches in Norfolk to grow together in mission through evangelism and social action.

To support one another in our ministry of prophecy and care in the community.

We ask our congregations to pray for us and support us in this Covenant."

The Covenant will be signed by: The Rt Revd Peter Nott, Bishop of Norwich, Church of England; The Revd Dr Richard G Jones, Chairman, Methodist Church East Anglia District; The Rt Revd Alan Clark, Bishop of East Anglia, Roman Catholic Church; The Revd Bill Gathercole, Moderator URC (Eastern Province); The Revd David Harper, General Superintendent, The Baptist Union (Eastern Area).

The Church Leaders are hoping this will be a service of celebration as well as of commitment and dedication with much "holy hilarity".

Later that day in St Edmundsbury, many of the same church leaders will be signing a similar covenant as leaders of Suffolk Churches Together.