



Kent
Gospel
Partnership

Partner With Us

*Local churches partnering
to proclaim the Gospel of
Christ to all people in Kent
for the glory of God.*

Becoming a Partner

We are delighted that you are considering joining the Kent Gospel Partnership. This leaflet will take you through the process and requirements of becoming a partner, whether as a church or an individual.

“ *I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now* ”

Philippians 1:4-5

Before you Apply

Churches and individuals who partner with the Kent Gospel Partnership must be in agreement with our

- **Vision**
- **Partnership Commitment**
- **Statement of Beliefs**

The next section will detail each of these for your consideration. Each year partners are required to sign an Annual Declaration confirming their continued agreement the KGP's Statement of Beliefs and the Partnership Commitment.

Vision

Uniting gospel churches to grow and work together to reach out to all of Kent with the gospel of Jesus

We aim to do this by:

- Running an annual Kent Men's and Women's Convention to strengthen local churches
- Hosting leadership prayer mornings to support those in ministry
- Offering training events that individual churches might otherwise find it hard to put on alone
- Running a KGP Annual Conference for church leadership teams to help local churches grow in maturity and reach out in mission more effectively

Partnership Commitment

As an individual or the church leadership you commit to:

- **Pray for the work of the KGP**
- **Contribute to the finances of the KGP**
- **Promote and attend KGP events**

Statement of Beliefs

1. There is one true and unchanging God, perfect in every way, who exists eternally in three distinct but equal persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. ([Deuteronomy 32:4](#), [Malachi 3:6](#), [Matthew 28:19](#))
2. God is the all-powerful creator, preserver and ruler of all things, visible and invisible, governing them according to his faultless and sovereign will. He is distinct from his creation, and so although involved in it, he is not part of it. ([Colossians 1:15 - 17](#), [Hebrews 1:3](#), [Ephesians 1:11](#))
3. God's purpose in creation is to glorify himself in his Son, by sending him to redeem a people to be his own, eager to do what is good, and by bringing all things under his rule. In the gospel, therefore, God calls all people to honour his Son, submitting to him in everything. ([Ephesians 1:3 - 10](#), [22 - 23](#), [Titus 2:14](#))
4. God has revealed himself in the Bible, which consists of the Old and New Testaments alone. Every word was inspired by God through human authors, so that the Bible as originally given is in its entirety the Word of God, without error and fully reliable in fact and doctrine. It is therefore to be submitted to, both individually and corporately, as it alone speaks with final authority in every age, being always sufficient for all matters of belief and practice. ([John 10:35](#), [16:12 - 15](#), [1 Thessalonians 2:13](#), [2 Timothy 3:16](#))
5. God has made humanity in his likeness and according to only two distinct genders. Men and women are equal in sharing an inherent value, dignity and worth, yet created to complement one another by their difference, honouring and upholding the distinctive roles assigned them by God within marriage and the church. ([Genesis 1:27 - 28](#), [2:20 - 24](#), [Timothy 2:11 - 15](#))

6. Since the fall, all human beings have been sinful and guilty, and are subject to God's wrath and condemnation. Alienated from his life, the inclinations of their minds, hearts, wills and bodies are corrupted by sin, leading them to suppress the truth about God. (Ephesians 2:1 - 3, 4:17 - 19, Romans 1:18 - 32, 5:12 - 21, 7:14 - 25)

7. The Lord Jesus Christ is unique in being God's incarnate Son, fully God and fully man, yet without sin. Conceived by the Holy Spirit, he was born of a virgin, lived a perfect life, died on the cross, was raised bodily from death, and visibly ascended into heaven from where he now reigns over all things with the authority of God the Father. (Luke 1:26 - 38, Hebrews 4:15, Acts 2:22 - 36)

8. By his resurrection from the dead, Jesus was declared to be God's only Lord and Christ, his promised Saviour-King who redeems sinful human beings from the guilt, penalty and power of sin so that they can share in God's kingdom. He is the only mediator between God and humankind, in whom alone salvation is to be found. (Acts 2:31 - 36, 4:12, Galatians 3:13 - 14, 1 Timothy 2:5)

9. In his substitutionary death Jesus bore the full penalty for sin, satisfying God's justice so that those who believe are pardoned, credited with Christ's righteousness and so justified, which is to be declared righteous by God. From this one act of atonement every spiritual blessing flows. (Romans 3:9 - 4:8, 5:1 - 21, Acts 13:39)

10. Salvation is received solely through being united to Christ by faith, and so by grace alone, not as a reward for moral or religious effort. From the moment he or she first believes, the sinner is wholly justified and reconciled to God, with the sure and certain hope of eternal life. (Philippians 3:1 - 9, Romans 4:1 - 5:11)

11. The Holy Spirit alone makes the work of Christ effective, bringing individuals to new birth and faith. He indwells all believers in order to give them a true understanding of the Bible, bring assurance of salvation, move them to do good, grow them to

maturity, equip them for service, empower them for mission, and so renew them in the image of God that the church might display the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 1:15 - 2:10, 4:4 - 5:20, 1 Corinthians 12:1 - 14)

12. Those who are truly born again place their faith in Christ, repenting of their sins, calling on him for salvation and submitting to him as Lord. Being renewed into his likeness, they strive to obey his will, which includes a rejection of all occult practices, other religions and spiritualities, blasphemy, hatred, bitterness, rage, violence, sexual immorality, adultery and homosexual sex, crudity, dishonesty, slander, factionalism, jealousy, selfish ambition, drunkenness and greed. (Galatians 5:16 - 26, 1 Corinthians 5:9 - 11, Ephesians 4:17 - 5:20)

13. The one, holy, universal church is the Body of Christ to which all true believers belong. It is made visible in local congregations of believers which are called to worship and serve God in the world, to proclaim and defend his truth, to administer the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, to exhibit his character, and to demonstrate the reality of his new order. (Matthew 28:18 - 20, 1 Peter 2:9 - 12, 1 Timothy 3:15)

14. The unity of Christ's body is expressed within and between local churches by mutual love, care, correction and encouragement, all in accordance with the Bible. Fellowship within and between local churches is truly Christian insofar as they are faithful to Christ and his gospel. (Ephesians 4:1 - 16, 2 Corinthians 6:14 - 16, 2 John 7 - 11)

15. The Lord Jesus Christ will visibly return in glory to raise and judge the dead, granting the fullness of eternal life to his people and eternal punishment to those who have not believed the gospel. God's kingdom will then be fully established as he creates a new heaven and earth from which evil and evildoers, suffering and death will be excluded, and in which he will be glorified forever. (Matthew 25:31 - 46, 2 Thessalonians 1:6 - 10, Revelation 20:11 - 21:8, 22 - 27)

Applying

Fill in the application form with information about yourself or your church.

This can be posted or scanned and emailed to us.

By applying you agree for the information provided to be stored on the KGP database of partner churches. Personal information will be kept confidential and not shared with anyone outside the KGP.

The form is titled "PARTNERSHIP APPLICATION" and is from the Kent Council Partnership. It includes the following sections:

- CHURCH DETAILS:** Fields for NAME, ADDRESS, DENOMINATION, NUMBER OF MEMBERS OR EQUIVALENT (BY), HERITAGE, and NUMBER OF CHILDREN.
- NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVES:** Fields for TITLE, FULL NAME, POSITION, and CONTACT NUMBER (repeated for two individuals).
- CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR:** Fields for FULL NAME, POSITION, and CONTACT NUMBER.
- FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION:** Fields for TOTAL AMOUNT and PAYMENT SCHEDULE.
- DECLARATION:** A section where the church administrator agrees to the Partnership's Statement of Beliefs and to the terms of the Partnership, and to have their details stored on the Kent Council Partnership Database.

At the bottom, there are fields for DATE RECEIVED, DATE, ACCEPTED, YES/NO, and DATE, with a note: "PLEASE USE SECTION TO BE SIGNED OVERHEAD".

What happens next?

Once your application has been received, a member of the Steering Group will contact you to answer any questions that arise.

After that, the application will be approved at the next Steering Group meeting.

Welcome to the KGP!

Financial Contributions

The KGP relies on donations from partner individuals and churches to fund our work. For individuals no guideline amount is set. Please give what you feel able to. For churches, the guideline amount is £10 per adult church member or equivalent per year. We recognise that this may be difficult for some churches and understand if a church cannot give at this level.

Kent is a mission field and you could consider your giving to the KGP as part of your mission giving. We thank you for your continued support.

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