

# Mike's message .....

## Membership and Confirmation

If you're reading this you are part of our valued family here at The Cotteridge Church?

But are you a church member?

Maybe you're not certain. Maybe you don't know what I'm talking about. Maybe you didn't think being a member was anything different to attending on a Sunday or during the week.



The Cotteridge Church operates a Membership List. If you attend on Sunday, or are part of our church life during the week in any way, then you belong here, you are part of our family. Becoming a member is the next important step on the journey. Only members can help out, or have a say, in certain aspects of church life. I would very much like you to become a member if you aren't already. Stop me and talk to me about it.

The Cotteridge Church offers you the chance to make this step of commitment by being 'confirmed' and 'received into membership'. This means that there is a service in which you make promises - these are the same promises that are made when someone is baptised. **That service will be on Sunday 1st March at 10.30pm** when the Bishop of Birmingham will be joining us. Here at The Cotteridge Church when you become a member you automatically become a member of The Methodist Church, The United Reformed Church and The Church of England. Three-for-One! Once you are a member you keep your membership of those churches, whichever congregation you become part of if you move in future.

I need to know who is interested in making this step of faith as soon as possible. Please let me know in person or by email at [mike.claridge@thecotteridgechurch.org.uk](mailto:mike.claridge@thecotteridgechurch.org.uk)

These are the components of membership. A church member will promise to:

**Worship** within the local church, including regular sharing in Holy Communion, and through personal prayer

**Learning and Caring**, through Bible study and meeting for fellowship, so that I may grow in faith and support others in their discipleship

**Service**, by being a good neighbour in the community, challenging injustice and using my resources to support the Church in its mission in the world

**Evangelism**, through working out my faith in daily life and sharing Christ with others.

By the way, if you have been a church member in another church then we can add you to the membership list anyway. Again, let me know. Also if you are uncertain as to whether you are a member already or not, ask me.