Sermon

Read Romans 12.1-2.

The Trust Game where someone falls backwards to be caught – some find it hard.

It is not easy to trust other people –anyone who has had a broken relationship (inc divorce) will know it is hard to trust someone else. You might be trusting them with some secret, your dark side, with your money.

So we tend to go it alone, even when with others. Seems safer. But is it for the best?

As a minister I sometimes hear things that others never hear – doubts, deep feelings, difficulties faced.

It is a great privilege, confidentiality; yet both the person sharing and myself hearing feel better afterwards. Why is that? It is the sharing of trust.

Of course you have to choose the right person.

God is never too busy, we are not too unimportant, but maybe we don’t know enough about God, or think that God either cannot or will not help. Is your God too small?

But trust is not just about sharing, it is also about allowing the other to determine what happens to you. That too can be scary. A man caught on a cliff cries for help, promising anything if rescued. God tells him to jump, so he asks, “Is there anybody else out there?”

Where are you with God? Does God ask the impossible? Do you wish there was someone else out there?

Covenant is about trusting ourselves to God – can be scary, we may have some doubts, be unsure that God does have our best interests at heart. Today we give it a go. We allow God to direct our lives, our parish.

Agreeing to this covenant, you may be asked to do things you are unsure about, feel unequipped to do, but is that reason to say ‘no’?

As we mentioned last week, God is love. That love knows you better than you do. That love is more aware of what you need, our parish needs, our world needs. God’s prompting is solely to make you better, our parish better, our world better – no other purpose. Will you give this covenant a go with me?

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