**That sheep may safely graze…**

Being a community:

1”Walter Withers, Sheep grazing among trees at Heidelberg (1890)

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me (John 10:27)

We **value the wellbeing of others**.

We **encourage each other to participate** in the life of the church.

We **consider the impact of our behaviour** on others.

Relating:

We t**reat each other with respect and dignity**, irrespective of ability, gender, sexuality, race, age or contribution to the church.

We **act with integrity and honesty** in our interactions with each other.

Communicating:

We **communicate respectfully with others**, and not in a way that threatens, belittles or humiliates.

We **speak with integrity and honesty**, and refrain from speculation and gossip.

Difference:

We **respect those who are different from us** and not isolate or ridicule them.

We **listen to and seek to understand** the beliefs, opinions and practices of others, even when we do not share their views.

Conflict:

We **accept responsibility for our part in a conflict.**

We **are willing to play our part in resolving a conflict**.

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