

## Our Mission Statement

By joining LEAF you are supporting our mission statement:

**LEAF exists to encourage practical expressions of unity between evangelical Christians in the New Forest, to be a voice to local government and media and to provide a link to National EA.**

... along with that of National EA:

### **The Evangelical Alliance's purpose is:**

- **To promote unity and truth.**
- **To represent evangelical concerns to the wider world of the Church, state and society.**

### **It does this in a spirit of servanthood by:**

- **Affirming the value of our unity in diversity, fostering mutual accountability and working for reconciliation in areas of disagreement.**
- **Proclaiming, explaining and living biblical truth in contemporary culture.**
- **Fostering evangelical concern, working through members locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.**
- **Advocating evangelical perspectives to governments, media and the wider Church and defending religious liberty.**
- **Encouraging united holistic evangelical action in prayer, evangelism, mission and the pursuit of justice and responsibility at home and worldwide.**

## The Evangelical Alliance Basis of Faith

We believe in...

1. The one true God who lives eternally in three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. The love, grace and sovereignty of God in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming and judging the world.
3. The divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God—fully trustworthy for faith and conduct.
4. The dignity of all people, made male and female in God's image to love, be holy and care for creation, yet corrupted by sin, which incurs divine wrath and judgement.
5. The incarnation of God's eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ—born of the virgin Mary, truly divine and truly human, yet without sin.
6. The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross: dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God.
7. The bodily resurrection of Christ, the firstfruit of our resurrection; his ascension to the Father, and his reign and mediation as the only Saviour of the world.
8. The justification of sinners solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ.
9. The ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who leads us to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.
10. The Church, the body of Christ both local and universal, the priesthood of all believers—given life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit's gifts to worship God and proclaim the gospel, promoting justice and love.
11. The personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfil the purposes of God, who will raise all people to judgement, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost, and establish a new heaven and new earth.



***The Local Evangelical Alliance  
in the Forest***

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You can  
Join  
Today!

## Why join LEAF?

- ✓ **Receive personally, each quarter, the LEAF newsletter and diary, containing detailed information on activities taking place within the churches of the New Forest.**
- ✓ **Receive IDEA magazine free of charge, with its national and international comment, feature articles, and up to date information and analysis on Church and community initiatives.**
- ✓ **Automatically join national EA with access to key resources and staff.**
- ✓ **Your membership donation supports local and national initiatives**
- ✓ **Link with others to pray for the transformation of the New Forest.**
- ✓ **Network with other Christians in the New Forest area**
- ✓ **Discuss and influence the work of God in the New Forest by attending the LEAF AGM, where you will also meet Christian agencies working in the area and enjoy fellowship with others from across the region.**
- ✓ **Contribute to the strength of evangelicals in the New Forest “weaker apart, stronger together”.**
- ✓ **Participate in a joint vision for the New Forest which goes beyond individual churches.**
- ✓ **Support the LEAF youth initiative, which is bringing together and encouraging young people and youth leaders from the New Forest area.**

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What does it cost to join LEAF?

The suggestion minimum donation is £2.50 per month (payable by standing order), or an annual donation of £24.

There is also a concessionary rate for the unwaged of £5.00 per annum.

### How much goes to national EA?

Roughly 2/3 of the minimum donation is passed on to national EA with the balance retained locally. If you choose to pay more than the minimum the extra you pay is all applied locally, although you can also make additional donations to national EA.

### What if I already belong to national EA?

You can join LEAF at no extra cost and get the benefit of both national and local membership. Simply indicate this on the application form and we will do the rest.

If you would prefer to pay national EA separately, the minimum LEAF subscription halves to £12 and this is retained locally.

### Can I make payments under gift aid?

Yes. LEAF now has charitable status and will therefore be able to benefit from gift aid on your donation.

You may also make your payment through charitable accounts such as Stewardship Services.

### How do I support the LEAF Youth Initiative?

The LEAF Youth Initiative is funding a part-time youth work liaison officer working to encourage and resource youth work in the region. You can support this by making a regular donation to our Youth fund.

## APPLICATION FORM

First name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Married couples may apply for joint membership)*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an existing member of EA? Yes/No

**If Yes, please answer the following...**

Do you wish to retain separate membership of national EA? Yes/No

*Answer No **unless** you wish to make separate payments to both LEAF and national EA. If Yes the reduced minima for “LEAF only” apply.*

Date of next renewal (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

### Please indicate your desired contribution type & payment level (see opposite)...

Joint EA/LEAF... monthly\*(min £2.50) £ \_\_\_\_\_

Joint EA/LEAF... annual (min £24) £ \_\_\_\_\_

Concessionary... annual (min £5) £ \_\_\_\_\_

LEAF only\*\*... monthly\*(min £1.50) £ \_\_\_\_\_

LEAF only\*\*... annual (min £12) £ \_\_\_\_\_

\* Future amounts payable by standing order

\*\* Only applies where separate payments are being made to national EA.

### DECLARATION

**I am /We are committed to working with other evangelical Christians in this area and wish to become a member of LEAF. I/We have read and assent to LEAF and EA mission statements and to the EA Basis of Faith.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enclose your first payment (cheques to ‘LEAF Trust’) and return to LEAF at Rose Cottage, Back Lane, Sway, Lymington, SO41 6BU.**

If you have any queries tel: 01590 682605