



STATEMENT OF FAITH

- 1 We believe that the Bible, composed of Old and New Testaments, but excluding the books of the Apocrypha, is God's inspired and infallible word, and that it is the final authority for conduct, faith and doctrine among God's people.
- 2 We believe in One God, Creator of all, eternally existing as God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
- 3 We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Eternal Son of God, possessing within Himself eternally all the attributes of God; that He was born into humanity by the Virgin birth and that He lived a sinless life. We believe in His miracles, in His sacrificial death on the Cross whereby He atoned for the sins of all who have faith in Him, and in His bodily resurrection from the dead. We believe in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His present ministry for His own, and in the promise of His return in power and glory.
- 4 We believe in the Personality of the Holy Spirit and in His ministry to reveal Christ to men and women, to convict of sin, to give new life to those who receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour by faith. We believe in the presence of the Holy Spirit within all true believers to sanctify their lives, and empower the Church in her witness.
- 5 We believe the Bible reveals that mankind is sinful and needs to have relationship with God restored, as it is under the judgement of God. We believe that the only means of salvation is in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross.
- 6 We believe that the true Universal Church is composed of all those who have personally by faith received God's gift of salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ, and welcome all such believers.

PRACTICES

1. Baptism by immersion, on personal confession of faith. Baptism is not a means of entry into the local Church, nor is it essential for participation in the Communion Service.
2. Reception at Communion of all believers who are godly in life, irrespective of denominational adherence, upon confession of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
3. The freedom of worship for all believers, and for the exercise of Spirit-given gifts by those who have such gifts, used for the blessing of the Church.
4. The Elders are to exercise their gifts of government, and fostering of unity, by taking the oversight of the local Church of which they form a part. They are to encourage the local church in evangelism and care in the local community and the wider world.
5. The Trustees have laid on the Elders the responsibility to ensure that all the doctrines and practices set out in this Declaration are maintained in the Church.

Bible References

Genesis 1 v 2 Deuteronomy 6 v 4 John 1 vv 1-18 John 14 v 6 John 14 vv 16,17 John 17
Acts 4 v 12 Romans 8 vv 23-27 2 Corinthians 13 v 14 Ephesians 4 vv 1-6 Philippians 2 vv 5-11
1 Timothy 2 v 5 2 Timothy 3 v 16 Hebrews 1 vv 1-4 1 Peter 1 v 2 2 Peter 1 v 19