

St Andrew the Great Statement of Faith

St Andrew the Great is an Anglican Church, whose doctrine is grounded in the Holy Scriptures and the historic Anglican formularies (the thirty-nine Articles of Religion, *The Book of Common Prayer*, and the Ordinal).

The Statement of Faith below represents the central truths of the Christian faith as revealed in the Bible.

We believe in:

- (a) The unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead.
- (b) The sovereignty of God in creation, revelation, redemption and final judgment.
- (c) The divine inspiration and infallibility of Holy Scripture as originally given, and its supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- (d) God's creation of human beings, each made in his image and precious in his sight; his creation of them as male and female, and marriage as a faithful union only between a man and a woman, and the only proper place for sexual intimacy.
- (e) The universal sinfulness and guilt of human nature since the fall, rendering humanity subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
- (f) The full deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God; his virgin birth and his real and sinless humanity; his death on the cross, his bodily resurrection and his present reign in heaven and earth.
- (g) Redemption from the guilt, penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial death once and for all time of our representative and substitute, Jesus Christ, the only mediator between God and humanity.
- (h) Justification as God's act of undeserved mercy, in which the sinner is pardoned all their sins, and accepted as righteous in God's sight, only because of the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, this justification being received by faith alone.
- (i) The need for the Holy Spirit to make the work of Christ effective to the individual sinner, granting them repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.
- (j) The indwelling of the Holy Spirit in all those thus regenerated, producing in them an increasing likeness to Christ in character and behaviour, and empowering them for their witness in the world.

- (k) The one holy universal Church, which is the Body of Christ, and to which all true believers belong.

- (l) The future personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge all people, executing God's just condemnation on the impenitent and receiving the redeemed to eternal glory.