

## **Doctrinal Basis of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation for Christ Church Huntingdon**

**This is the doctrinal basis that members of our church council ascribe to.**

The Basis of Faith of the CIO shall be the fundamental truths of Christianity, as revealed in Holy Scripture, including:

- (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 judgement.
- (c) The divine inspiration and infallibility of Holy Scripture as originally given, and its supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- (d) The universal sinfulness and guilt of human nature since the fall, rendering man subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
- (e) 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.
- (f) Redemption from 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 man.
- (g) Justification as God's act of undeserved mercy, in which the sinner is pardoned all his or her sins, and accepted as righteous in God's sight, only because of the righteousness of Christ imputed to him or her, this justification being received by faith alone.
- (h) The need for the Holy Spirit to make the work of Christ effective to the individual sinner, granting him or her repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.
- (i) 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.
- (j) The one holy universal Church, which is the Body of Christ, and to which all true believers belong.
- (k) The future personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge all mankind, executing God's just condemnation on the impenitent and receiving the redeemed to eternal glory.
- (l) God's creation of humanity as male and female, with equal status and complementary roles, and His design that marriage should be between a man and a woman and that the only proper place for sexual intercourse is within marriage between those born man and woman.