

What do Christians believe?

Christians believe that **God the Father** is the Creator and Sustainer of all life and that he gave us this wonderful world, asking human beings to take care of it and live in harmony with other people.

Sadly, we could not live God's way so he sent His Son **Jesus Christ** into the world to live as one of us and show us what perfect love looks like. Jesus bore the sins of the whole of humanity on the cross and made it possible for our sins to be forgiven and for us to draw close to God. Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to his disciples on many occasions, saying that if we receive him into our hearts and lives, we will have the gift of everlasting life with him when we die.

Jesus sent his **Holy Spirit** to live in the hearts of his followers. The Spirit helps us to know Jesus and brings his life to us. The Spirit gives believers joy, energy, gifts and talents.

What do Christians do on Sundays?

A typical Sunday service usually involves hymns, readings and prayers and may include a celebration of Holy Communion. This is a remembrance of the Last Supper instituted by Jesus the night before he died. Christians believe that in receiving the bread and wine we receive the life of Christ into our hearts. At All Saints and St James we have a variety of services, Family, Traditional and Informal with a worship band.

How do I become a Christian?

A Christian is anyone who welcomes Jesus Christ into their lives by praying a simple prayer like the one below:

Lord Jesus, I believe that you died on the cross for me to bring me new life. Please forgive all my sins, come into my life, fill me with your Holy Spirit and give me a fresh new start. Amen.

Do I have to be baptised (Christened)?

Baptism is a public sign of being a Christian - see our page on baptism for more information on how to be baptised as an adult.

Do I have to go to church to be a Christian?

Being a Christian in isolation is really a contradiction in terms because Christians belong to one another in a community of believers called the church. A church is not just a building but a body of believers who are united in prayer, worship and friendship. Belonging to a local church brings enjoyment of worship, encouragement in the faith, support and comfort.

How can I find out more?

You can talk to one of the clergy or find out about Christian Basics courses either by ringing the church office 02392 593139 or Canon Gill Hill 02392 593228

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