Tiptree United Reformed Church

Summary Statement of Faith

Our Beliefs

We believe:

• in the one true God who exists eternally in three distinct persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
  ~ God the Father - all powerful, all knowing, ever present, unchanging and holy
  ~ God the Son - Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine; who lived a perfect life, was put to death, rose from the dead, ascended and is seated with God the Father in heaven
  ~ God the Holy Spirit - God’s presence on earth, indwelling all believers and building the church

• in the church as a community of believers, called to work together in love and unity with the purpose of glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ, its head, and sharing the gospel throughout the world

• that people are created by God in His image, male and female, made to live in relationship with Him but separated by sinful disobedience

• that salvation is forgiveness of sin through faith in Jesus’ death and resurrection, restoration of relationship with God and assurance of eternal life with Him in heaven

• in the Bible as God’s word to all people, our ‘manual’ for “teaching, correcting, encouraging and training in righteousness.”

Our Values

We aspire to be a community which:

• holds worship and prayer at the heart of all that we are and do
• seeks to share the good news of God with our community near and far
• follows the example of Christ, honouring Him in word and action
• declares the truth of God without compromise
• welcomes everyone
• reflects the love, service and sacrifice of Christ to any in need
• is faithful in our relationships to God, our natural family and our wider church family
• is committed to the unity and growth of the local church as the centre of Christian ministry and discipleship