

Church of Christ the King Eastington Statement of Faith

The Church of Christ the King Eastington claims and cherishes its place in the Christian Holy Catholic Church which is the Body of Christ. It rejoices in the inheritance of the apostolic faith and loyally accepts the fundamental principles of the historic creeds and of the Protestant Reformation. It ever remembers that in the providence of God the church was raised up to spread scriptural holiness through the land by the proclamation of the evangelical faith and declares its unfaltering resolve to be true to its divinely appointed mission.

The doctrines of the evangelical faith which this Church holds are based upon the divine revelation recorded in the Holy Scriptures. This Church acknowledges this revelation as the supreme rule of faith and practice. These doctrines are outlined in the Evangelical Alliance Statement of Faith appended below.

This Church holds to the doctrine of the priesthood of all believers and consequently believes that no priesthood exists which belongs exclusively to a particular order or class of persons and that Christian ministry depends upon the call of God who bestows the gifts of the Spirit the grace and the fruit which indicate those whom He has chosen.

In regard to baptism, this Church believes that becoming a member of God's family requires an individual to make an informed decision to belong to Christ through the conviction of sin and the profession of faith. In this regard adult baptism, ideally by full immersion as outlined in the Scriptures, is most appropriate but infant baptism confirmed by a profession of faith when the person is old enough to make a genuine commitment is accepted.

In regard to marriage, this Church holds to the definition of Christian marriage as outlined in the Scriptures that it is intended to be a lifelong commitment between one man and one woman in the sight of God.

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE STATEMENT OF FAITH WE BELIEVE IN...

1. The one true God who lives eternally in three persons - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. The love, grace and sovereignty of God in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming and judging the world.
3. The divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God-fully trustworthy for faith and conduct.
4. The dignity of all people, made male and female in God's image to love, be holy and care for creation, yet corrupted by sin, which incurs divine wrath and judgement.
5. The incarnation of God's eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ - born of the virgin Mary; truly divine and truly human, yet without sin.
6. The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross: dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God.
7. The bodily resurrection of Christ, the first fruits of our resurrection; his ascension to the Father, and his reign and mediation as the only Saviour of the world.
8. The justification of sinners solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ.
9. The ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who leads us to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.
10. The Church, the body of Christ both local and universal, the priesthood of all believers - given life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit's gifts to worship God and proclaim the gospel, promoting justice and love.
11. The personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfil the purposes of God, who will raise all people to judgement, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost, and establish a new heaven and new earth.