



## Central Beliefs

The Church of England is part of the one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church worshipping the one true God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the Catholic creeds; which faith the church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the 39 articles of religion, the Book of Common Prayer, and the ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. This inheritance of faith is the inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to every generation. Public prayer and administration of the sacraments is only through the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon Law.

Christians believe that God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, creates, redeems and sustains the world in love and is present and active in every time and place. We believe that God invites all people to participate in this. The church, through its mission and ministry seeks to respond to this invitation.

The Church of England is part of the story of God in every community. It calls its priests to make God's love visible in the world; to walk with the people of God in the way of Christ and to discern and foster among them the gifts of the Spirit. God's call is at the heart of everything that the Church of England is called to believe.