

What we believe at LCC...

Our fundamental guiding principle is putting Jesus at the centre of all we do, and following His commands to love God and each other. However, we have compiled a more comprehensive description of our beliefs, which are defined in our Governing Document as follows:

- We believe** that the one eternal God has revealed Himself through His creation and through the bible. We believe that God inspired the whole of the Old and New Testaments, and we take them as our final authority in all matters of faith and practice.
- We believe** in the unity of God in three co-equal persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; having distinct functions but the same nature. We believe that God is sovereign in all things and is holy, just and loving.
- We believe** that the human race is created/made in the image of God but is separated from God by sin and that our relationship with God can only be restored through faith in Jesus Christ.
- We believe** that Jesus was born of the virgin Mary, lived as a man but without sinning, died on the cross as a substitute for sinners by taking on himself God's judgement for sin, was buried and His actual body came back to life on the third day. He was taken up into heaven to intercede for the Church and to receive the highest honour at the right hand of the Father.
- We believe** that Jesus Christ will return in glory to resurrect the dead, to lead the Church to its reward and to bring judgement and eternal punishment on those who have rejected Him.
- We believe** that the Holy Spirit makes us aware of our need of the Saviour, Jesus Christ and that when we accept Him as Lord and Saviour, He enters our lives, giving us spiritual birth and the spiritual ability to live the Christian life.
- We believe** that in accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour it is necessary to repent from sin and accept forgiveness and cleansing by faith, only in His atoning work on the cross.
- We believe** that our purpose on earth is to glorify Jesus Christ by putting our trust in Him and living in the power of God's Spirit.
- We believe** that the Holy Spirit gives us assurance of our salvation and shows Himself by giving to any member gifts to encourage and build up the congregation, or to minister to their spiritual and physical needs.
- We believe** that Jesus Christ is the head of the Church as a whole, and is glorified when groups of Christians worship together, accept each other and are committed to each other under the leadership of a local Church and in fellowship with other groups of Christians.
- We believe** that although we are engaged in spiritual warfare and temptation, we are assured of victory through Jesus Christ.
- We believe** that all Christians should be baptised by immersion as a sign of commitment and obedience to Jesus' commands for His disciples.
- We believe** in the regular sharing of the Lord's Supper/Holy Communion as a remembrance and as an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual blessing.



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