

**The purpose of this leaflet is to explain what Traditional Anglicans believe.**

### *Our Faith*

It was once the proud boast of the Church of England that it held no doctrines of its own, but that it was grounded in the ancient Scriptures and the traditions of the early undivided Church.

Times have changed. The Church of England is now a house built upon shifting sands. Doctrine is now subject to political correctness and the whims andancies of modernism. Nothing is secure from the scrutiny of liberalism.

### *The Nature of the Church*

The Church is the people of God in Christ, gathered together, to worship God and to be faithful and obedient to Him. She is the society of the baptised called to be the manifestation of Christ in and to the world. The True and Eternal Faith was revealed to man by God - it cannot be changed, it is valid for all time.

The Church is the Body of Christ in the world. To become a member of the Church one must be baptised in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

### *The Essentials of Truth & Order*

Traditional Anglicans reject all changes, whether they be additions or subtractions, which are contrary to the essentials of the Apostolic Church of Christ.

### *Holy Scriptures*

We believe the Old and New Testaments to be the authentic record of God's revelation of Himself to the world. His saving activity, and moral demands - valid for all mankind and all time.

### *The Creeds*

We believe the Nicene Creed as the authoritative summary of the chief articles of the Christian Faith, together with the Apostles Creed, and that known as the Creed of St. Athanasius.

### *Faith and Tradition*

We accept and believe in the received Faith and Tradition of the Church and her teachings as set forth by "the ancient catholic bishops and doctors," especially as defined by the Seven Ecumenical Councils of the undivided Church, to the exclusion of all errors, ancient and modern.

### *Sacraments*

The sacramental Life of the Church is affirmed as instituted by Christ, and as received by the Church of England, and re-affirmed by the Affirmation of St. Louis in 1977. The two Sacraments of Christ in the Gospels and the five of Christ through His Church.

### *Holy Orders*

We believe that the Holy Orders of Bishops, Priests and Deacons are the perpetuation of Christ's gift of apostolic ministry to His Church and necessary for the celebration of the Eucharist; and that these Orders are confined to men in accordance to Christ's will and institution (as evidenced by the scriptures), and the universal practice of the Catholic Church

### *In addition, we affirm*

The duty of Bishops, Priests, Deacons and the laity to uphold and defend the Faith.

"To banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrine contrary to God's word" (The Book of Common Prayer, 'The Ordering of Priests')

The need to recognise that all Anglican statements of faith and liturgical practice must accord with the principles of Truth and Order.

The incapability of Church bodies and organisations to alter or amend the ancient Ecumenical Creeds, the deposit of the Faith, Holy Scripture and the nature of the Sacraments.

The need to seek unity with other Christians who hold to the Catholic and Apostolic Faith.

### *Liturgy and Worship*

The Book of Common Prayer and the King James (Authorised) Version of the Bible is the standard of worship in The Traditional Anglican Church (which may incorporate use of the English Missal, and English Ritual according to tradition).

The Traditional liturgies of the Episcopal Church in Scotland and The Church in Wales are also authorised.

### *Principles of Morality*

The conscience, as the inherent knowledge of right and wrong, cannot stand alone as sovereign arbiter of morals. Every Christian is obligated to form his conscience by the Divine Moral Law and the Mind of Christ as revealed in Holy Scriptures, and by the teachings and tradition of the Church. We hold that when the Christian conscience is thus properly informed and ruled, it must affirm the following principles:

**INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY:** All people, individually and collectively, are responsible to their Creator for their acts, motives, thoughts and words, since '*we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ.*'

**SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE:** Every human being, from the instant of conception, is a creature and child of God, made in His image and likeness, and is an infinitely precious soul.

**MAN'S DUTY TO GOD:** All people are bound by the dictates of the Natural Law and by the revealed Will of God, insofar as they can discern them.

**FAMILY LIFE:** The God-given sacramental bond of marriage between one man and one woman is God's loving provision for procreation and family life.

**MAN AS SINNER:** We recognise that man, as inheritor of original sin is 'very far gone from original righteousness' and as a rebel against God's authority is liable to His righteous judgement.

**MAN AND GOD'S GRACE:** We recognise, too, that God loves His children and particularly has shown it forth in the redemptive work of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that man cannot be saved by any effort of his own, but by the Grace of God, through repentance and acceptance of God's forgiveness.

**THE CHRISTIAN DUTY TO BE MORAL:** We believe, therefore, it is the duty of the Church and her members to bear witness to Christian Morality, to follow it in their lives, and to reject the false standards of the world.

The Traditional Anglican Church is NOT A NEW CHURCH, but the old Church of Christ as founded by Him for every generation.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall heap unto themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. 2 Tim. 4: 3-5.

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