

## Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.**

### MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE

Our church website has a section called "The Basics" which includes the points contained in this leaflet and more about:-

- Child Dedication
- Baptism (by full immersion)
- Discipleship
- Church Membership
- Tithing & Giving

Other things will be added in the future.

There is also on our home page a link to our "Frequently Asked Questions" for people new to church or visiting The Vine for the first time. It aims to answer those questions which people have about what to expect and do in a church meeting. The underlying statement is "*Come as you are*"



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CHURCH OF THE VINE, ST IVES

## Fundamental Beliefs

*"For God so loved the world that He gave .."*



Beliefs

## **BASIC BELIEFS**

**The Vine is an Elim Church based in St Ives, but meeting in various locations around Penwith. Everything we do is a result of the truth that God so loved the world that He gave .....**

**He gave His Son as the acceptable sacrifice to remove and cover all our sins as stated in:-**

**John 3:16-19**

**16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. NKJV**

**And the work accomplished on the cross brings us into eternal relationship with Christ and God, through faith. Jesus' work on the cross restored the relationship we are meant to enjoy with God as originally planned at creation but spoilt by sin.**

**Our basic beliefs may be summed in the Nicene Creed, and the Evangelical Alliances Statement of Beliefs.**

**ELIM as a movement holds the following as our shared FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS**

**THE BIBLE:** We believe the Bible, as originally given, to be without error, the fully inspired and infallible Word of God and the supreme and final authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

**THE TRINITY:** We believe that the Godhead exists co-equally and co-eternally in three persons Father, Son and Holy Spirit and that these three are one God, sovereign in creation, providence and redemption.

**THE SAVIOUR:** We believe in the true and proper deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His real and complete humanity, in His sinless life, in His authoritative teaching, in His sacrifice which He paid on our behalf to remove and cover all of our sins through His blood shed, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His heavenly intercession and His second advent to receive His Church.

**THE HOLY SPIRIT:** We believe in the deity of the Holy Spirit who proceeds from the Father and the Son and the necessity of His work in conviction of sin, repentance, regeneration and sanctification, and that the believer is also promised to clothe with power as the gift of Christ through the baptism in the Holy Spirit with signs following. Through this clothing the believer is empowered for fuller participation in the ministry of the Church, its worship, evangelism and service.

**MANKIND:** We believe in the universal sinfulness of all humans since the Fall, rendering human's subject to God's wrath and condemnation.

**SALVATION:** We believe in the necessity for salvation of repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ by which the sinner is pardoned and accepted as righteous in God's sight. This justification is credited to us by the grace of God because of the sacrificial work of Christ, is received by faith alone and is evidenced by the Fruit of the Spirit and a holy life.

**THE CHURCH:** We believe in the spiritual unity and the priesthood of all believers in Christ and that these comprise the universal Church, the Body of Christ.

**THE MINISTRY:** We believe in the ministries that Christ has set in His Church, namely, apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers and in the present operation of the manifold Gifts of the Holy Spirit according to the New Testament.

**THE ORDINANCES:** We believe in the baptism of believers by full immersion in water in obedience to the command of Christ and the commemoration of Christ's death by the observance of the Lord's Supper until His return.

**THE COMMISSION:** We believe that the Gospel embraces the needs of the whole man and that the Church is therefore commissioned to preach the gospel to the world and to fulfil a ministry of healing and deliverance to the spiritual and physical needs of mankind.

**THE COMING KING:** We believe in the personal, physical and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to reign in power and glory.

**THE FUTURE STATE:** We believe in the resurrection of the dead and in the final judgement of the world, the eternal conscious bliss of the righteous and the eternal conscious punishment of the wicked.

