

Why Be a Christian?

Welcome to St. Andrew's Church.

We realise that for many people today, God seems no longer to be relevant, but we – the Christians who meet in this parish – want you to know why we do so and a little of what we believe.

We believe that Jesus Christ is God and that he shows us what it is to be truly human.

Jesus lived in what is now Israel and was executed by being nailed to a cross in about AD30 – an innocent victim of wrong-doing and evil. Yet he was raised to new life, overcoming evil and death and all that separates us from God and each other.

Jesus promises his followers that they, too, will have a new life and the experience of travelling the same kind of path; often one of suffering, but ultimately one of life in God. He invites us to be transformed by his love.

God invites us to meet and follow Jesus – which means following his way of life and teaching, as recorded in the Bible. The Bible has many different books in it, leading up to the life of Jesus. Here we meet him experiencing love and pain, suffering and joy.

We believe that once we are convinced that true life is with Jesus, we get to know God better. We become more aware of God at work in the life of the world and in people. Life and people are seen to be of infinite value because they belong to God and are loved by God.

The Christian's own life should be one of service to the world and to people, because that was how Jesus lived and died, and lives on.

Jesus promised that God would go on making himself known to the world and in his Church through his Holy Spirit. This is the way he inspires and guides his people in their Christian lives.

You can learn more about Christianity

- ◆ by joining in the life of a church.
- ◆ by prayer and by reading the Bible.
- ◆ by talking to a Christian friend or minister.

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