



## Tiptree United Reformed Church

# Summary Statement of Faith

### **Our Beliefs**

We believe:

- in the one true God who exists eternally in three distinct persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
  - ~ God the Father - all powerful, all knowing, ever present, unchanging and holy
  - ~ God the Son - Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine; who lived a perfect life, was put to death, rose from the dead, ascended and is seated with God the Father in heaven
  - ~ God the Holy Spirit - God's presence on earth, indwelling all believers and building the church
- in the church as a community of believers, called to work together in love and unity with the purpose of glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ, its head, and sharing the gospel throughout the world
- that people are created by God in His image, male and female, made to live in relationship with Him but separated by sinful disobedience
- that salvation is forgiveness of sin through faith in Jesus' death and resurrection, restoration of relationship with God and assurance of eternal life with Him in heaven
- in the Bible as God's word to all people, our 'manual' for "teaching, correcting, encouraging and training in righteousness."

### **Our Values**

We aspire to be a community which:

- holds worship and prayer at the heart of all that we are and do
- seeks to share the good news of God with our community near and far
- follows the example of Christ, honouring Him in word and action
- declares the truth of God without compromise
- welcomes everyone
- reflects the love, service and sacrifice of Christ to any in need
- is faithful in our relationships to God, our natural family and our wider church family
- is committed to the unity and growth of the local church as the centre of Christian ministry and discipleship