

Rooted Disciples



So, we're Anglican, but what should Anglicans believe?

Over 10 sessions we will look at the historic faith that has been passed onto us. We will do this through a careful examination of the 39 Articles of the Church of England which J.I. Packer called 'the truest, wisest and potentially richest heritage in all Christendom.' This is a statement I have come to believe is true.

You aren't required to believe everything we will cover to be a member at St John's and aren't required to identify as an Anglican either. However, these sessions will tell you what Anglican churches are meant to teach. I hope these doctrines will warm our hearts and make us more 'passionate disciples'. I also hope to increase the rigour of our beliefs and convictions.

Must I attend every session? No. Come to as much or as little as you would like. Please arrive on time, as we will begin teaching promptly.

Is breakfast supplied? Croissant and a hot drink. Suggested donation of £1 for a croissant.

Do I need to book? Yes, please book so we know how many croissants to purchase!

Session Outline

Saturday 17th January 0830-10.30am

An Introduction to the Articles. The 39 Articles contain the official doctrine of the Church. We will look at how the Articles were developed and their purpose.

Saturday 21st February 0830-1030am

The Substance of Faith. A look at the Holy Trinity, the Word or Son of God, the going down of Christ into hell, the resurrection of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Saturday 21st March 0830-1030am

The Rule of Faith. Digging into the sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures for salvation, the Old Testament and the three creeds.

Saturday 18th April 0830-1030am

The Life of Faith. The commencement of the life of faith and doctrines connected with Justification, such as original sin and free will.

Saturday 16th May 0830-1030am

The Life of Faith (2) The course of the Christian life and doctrines connected with sanctification, including Christ alone being without sin, sin after baptism and predestination and election.

Saturday 20th June 0830-1030am

The Household of faith. Engaging with the Church, the authority of the Church, the Authority of General Councils and Purgatory.

Saturday 18th July 0830-1030am

The Household of Faith (2). These Articles relate to ministry, ministering in the congregation and using a language the people understand.

No meeting in August

Saturday 19th September 0830-1030am

The Sacraments. Matters pertaining to the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) and Baptism.

Saturday 17th October 0830-1030am

Church Discipline. Excommunication, the traditions of the church, consecration of Bishops and Ministers.

Saturday 14th November 0830-1030am

Church and State. The place of magistrates, ownership of goods and the taking of oaths.