

THE CREED

The key statement of the Christian faith is expressed in the **Nicene Creed**, which is recited at weekly Sunday worship in Anglican and Roman Catholic worship. The word “Creed” comes from the Latin credo – I believe:

**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 men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
By the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate of 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.**

Most Christians would accept the notion of God as a loving and good Creator who revealed Himself supremely in Jesus Christ and who continues to act in the world through His Holy Spirit. The relationship between God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, however, has always been surrounded by controversy and disagreement and so is a very complex subject in RE. In fact, one of the great theologians of the early Church, Bishop Augustine of Hippo, said that trying to explain the Trinity was like trying to empty the ocean with a cup – so don't expect to manage it!



The doctrine of the Trinity is an attempt by the church to express this relationship. It enshrines a belief in one God revealed in three ‘persons’; as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These are neither three gods nor three ‘parts’ of God, but co-equally and co-eternally God.