

Statement of Faith

This Statement of Faith is based on the Evangelical Alliance Statement to which Haywards Heath Baptist Church subscribes as a member of that association. Consistent with the following Statement is a fuller and more definitive Statement of Faith for Haywards Heath Baptist Church, with supporting Bible references, which is attached to the Church Constitution.

We Believe in:-

1. The love, grace and sovereignty of God in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming and judging the world.
2. The one true God who lives eternally in three persons—Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
3. The incarnation of God's eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ—of the virgin Mary; truly divine and truly human, yet without sin.
4. The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross: dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God.
5. The bodily resurrection of Christ, the first fruits of our resurrection; his ascension to the Father, and his reign and mediation as the only Saviour of the world.
6. The ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who leads us to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.
7. The divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God - trustworthy for faith and conduct.
8. The justification of sinners solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ.
9. The dignity of all people, made male and female in God's image to love, be holy and care for creation, yet corrupted by sin, which incurs divine wrath and judgement.
10. The personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfil the purposes of God, who will raise all people to judgement, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost, and establish a new heaven and new earth.
11. The Church, the body of Christ both local and universal, the priesthood of all believers - life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit's gifts to worship God and proclaim the gospel, promoting justice and love.
12. We practice the ordinances of Believers' Baptism by immersion in water and the Lord's Supper, which is open to all who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.