

Poulner Baptist Chapel: Basis of Faith

1. There is one God in three persons – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit – who is the Creator and Lord of all.
2. The Lord Jesus Christ is God the Son, fully divine and fully human. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died on the cross, rose to life and ascended to the side of the Father, where He reigns and from where He will return in glory.
3. God the Holy Spirit is active today in the world and especially in the lives of Christians.
4. The whole Bible is God-breathed and authoritative, fully trustworthy for faith and conduct.
5. All people are sinners and, as such, under God's judgement. Salvation from this judgement is only by God's grace and is received by faith in Jesus Christ: those who believe in Him are, through His death, redeemed from the guilt, penalty and power of sin and, through his resurrection, brought into eternal life.
6. The Church is the body of Christ and has a divine commission to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ both in word and in action. Poulner Baptist Chapel, as part of the Church, participates in this divine commission within its community and the wider world. PBC has a membership, which is composed of believers committed to following Jesus Christ.
7. Baptism and communion have been given to the worldwide Church by Jesus Christ as visible signs of salvation and of the believer's response. Our normal practice is to baptise by immersion.

Scripture References

To be read along with the Basis of Faith:

1. Genesis 1:1; Psalm 24:1-2; Psalm 148; Isaiah 44:24; Matthew 3:16; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Colossians 1:16-17.
2. Mark 15:44-45; Luke 1:29-35; Luke 24:1-10; John 1:1-14; Acts 1:9-11; Acts 2:22-24; Acts 17:31; 1 Corinthians 15:3-6; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 1:2-3; Hebrews 4:14-16; 2 Peter 3:3-4, 10-13.
3. Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 14:16-17, 26; John 16:13-15; Acts 2; Romans 8:9-11; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Galatians 5:22-23.
4. Psalm 19:7-13; John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12-13; 2 Peter 1:16-21.

5. Isaiah 53:4-6; Acts 4:12; Romans 1:20-23; Romans 3:22-24; Romans 5:12-19; Romans 10:9-12; Ephesians 2:1-10; Colossians 1:19-22; 1 John 1:8-10; 2 Corinthians 5:17-19.
6. Matthew 9:35-38; Matthew 10:1; Matthew 22:36-39; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:12-15; Romans 12:4-5; Ephesians 2:19-22; Colossians 1:17-18a; Hebrews 10:23-25; 1 Peter 3:15.
7. Matthew 3:16-17; Matthew 26:26-28; Matthew 28:19; Luke 22:19-22; Acts 8:34-39; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Corinthians 11:23-34.