

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the
Father,
and he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Many churches recite the Apostles' Creed at services. The phrases are familiar. Yet are they just a dull routine? Are they words spoken with confusion or doubt? Can we have confidence in our statement of faith? Does it give us joy?

The Apostles' Creed is one of the oldest and most widely acknowledged creeds and it deserves attention by us. It is a summary of our Christian belief in God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The creed summarises who we are, teaches us what is important and helps us to avoid theological error.

Come along in anticipation and humility to learn from the great summary of Christian faith put together by previous generations.

See you there!

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Questions of Faith

A look at the Apostles' Creed

What do we believe?

Autumn Term
2010

THE COURSE

Session 1

Why believe? A look at the creed
its history
its context
its content

The Triune God

“the Father...his only Son...the Holy Spirit”

Session 2

We have a sovereign God

he is:
omnipotent
omnipresent
omniscient

“Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth”

Session 3

The identity of Jesus Christ

The incarnation and beyond

“Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord”

Session 4

Jesus' sacrifice and reign

“on the third day he rose again; he ascended...”

He's coming back!

“he will come again...”

Session 5

The gift of the Spirit

“I believe in the Holy Spirit”

Bearing fruit

what is the work of that Spirit?

“the forgiveness of sins”

Session 6

The community of the Spirit

the church is formed and continues

“the holy catholic church, the communion of saints”

And what about the future?

“the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting”

WHEN & WHERE?

Martyr Worthy Village Hall

8pm – 9.30pm

Session 1	Wednesday 29th September
Session 2	Tuesday 5th October
Session 3	Wednesday 13th October
Session 4	Tuesday 19th October
Session 5	Wednesday 3rd November
Session 6	Tuesday 9th November

OR

Southwood House, Main Road, Itchen Abbas

11.00am – 12.30pm

(bring your lunch to eat afterwards)

Session 1	Tuesday 28th September
Session 2	Tuesday 5th October
Session 3	Tuesday 12th October
Session 4	Tuesday 19th October
Session 5	Tuesday 2nd November
Session 6	Tuesday 9th November