

Three Counties churches of Christ

About us

The Three Counties churches of Christ is a congregation bonded together by the cross of Christ. We make our best efforts to love God and each other. We believe that the Bible is the word of God and is a marvellous guide for daily living. We appreciate the forgiveness that comes through Jesus Christ and are eager to share this good news with others.

Our modern origins go back to 1982.

A handful of Christians moved to London specifically to establish a congregation that could take the message of Jesus to our capital city and beyond. Over the last 40 years, churches have been planted in many other cities in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. This includes Watford, which was planted out of London in 2016. This congregation that has become the new charity, the Three Counties churches of Christ,

We are a multi-cultural, multi-racial group, as reflected in our congregation and in our connections with our brothers and sisters in a wide fellowship of churches around the United Kingdom, Ireland, and the world.

We sponsor the benevolent organisation W. We are grateful to be Jesus' disciples and enjoy our fellowship with one another.

Statement of faith

We believe and assert that:

1. There is one true God, the only God that exists, the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the sons of Israel, who reveals himself to the world as The Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 45:5; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14).
2. Jesus of Nazareth is the prophesied Jewish Messiah who came to dwell among us, the only begotten Son of God and the one and only Saviour of humanity. (Mark 14:62; John 1:29-34; Acts 4:12).
3. Jesus was crucified and was resurrected bodily on the third day after his execution. His apostles saw him alive, including his brother James, Mary Magdalene and over 500 unnamed men. He was seen lastly by the apostle Paul (1 Cor 15:1-8). The death of Jesus on the cross is the complete and final sacrifice for our sins, and his blood is the price of our redemption (Ephesians 1:7, 2:13). The resurrection demonstrates the power of God over sin and death. This motivates all we do as followers of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:14-21).
4. The Bible is the divinely inspired history of redemption and is sufficient for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. It is also the primary constitutional authority for the church's faith and life. (2 Timothy 3: 14-17, John 5:39; 2 Peter 1:16-21).

5. Rebirth and entry into the Kingdom of God is by repentance and baptism for the forgiveness of sins and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2: 36-41; John 3:3-5; 1 Peter 3: 20-21; Romans 6: 3-7).
6. The church is the body of Christ and the vessel of his continuing mission to the world to reconcile men to God. Each Christian is a member of this body and a part of the mission. (1 Cor 12:12; Ephesians 3:20-21).
7. The church's life is to be characterised by the fruits of the Holy Spirit, each member's devotion to Jesus Christ, and the Christians' corporate responsibility to one another. (Galatians 5:16-25; Ephesians 4:1-3).
8. Jesus will return in the future to bring the entire world into judgment, at which time there will be a final resurrection where all humanity will face God. At this time, the Kingdom of God will be finally actualised, and the people of God will be reconciled to God forever. (John 12:44-50; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 21-22).

Some of the ways we will achieve this outcome are explained through our church aspirations:

We are:

1. God-focused

- Ensuring our Sunday preaching, teaching nights and all our events are about God (father, son, spirit) as well as practical
- Time is spent in prayer

2. Relationship-based

- Focused on doing life together
- Our Christianity is lived out through our connections to others

3. Enabling our children to become Christians

- Support each other in our parenting
- Our children are known on a personal and ever-deepening level
- Our Sunday and other activities help the children to build both a Christian foundation and a relationship with each other and the church

4. Always free yet spiritual

- We encourage one another to engage the world with a kingdom heart
- We actively reach out to our neighbours locally and worldwide
- We are focused on meeting others' needs – emotional and physical poverty through our giving of financial and other resources
- We actively support HOPE Worldwide

5. Toiling to build the church well

- We find ways for us to serve together
- We identify the gifts we have been given and how best to use them