

# *What we believe*

*The statement below is commonly known as The Apostle's Creed. It has gained that title because of its great antiquity. It is thought to date from the first or second generation of the church. It is a great summation of the core truths of the Christian faith and the heart of God's authoritative Word, the Bible.*

*We have replaced the traditional "I" with "We" to emphasize that this is our shared hope and belief at St Bede's.*

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

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**We 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.**

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*\*The word "catholic" refers not to the Roman Catholic Church, but to the universal church of the Lord Jesus Christ.*