

# What it means to be a Christian

Christian life is lived in relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and in common with other Christians in the Church seeking to deepen that relationship and to follow the way that Jesus taught.

For Christians God is understood and known as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

...Father... God is love, caring for creation and for every human being as God's beloved child.

...Son... God is as he has revealed himself to be in the historical person of Jesus Christ. Jesus' life, death and resurrection hold the key to knowing and loving God, and to making sense of life, before and after death.

...and Holy Spirit... God is alive, loving and active today, inspiring faith, justice and truth, sustaining the life of the world, giving spiritual gifts to the church and bearing his spiritual fruit in the world - changed lives and a transformed society.

## ***Finding out more***

But because Christianity is about relationship and community, the best way to find out about faith and prayer, to raise questions and to get help, is to meet some Christians. The Episcopal Church is just one of the Christian churches in this country. We seek to work alongside other Christian churches and denominations as closely as we can.

You can also learn more about God as he is in Jesus by reading the Bible - why not start with the Gospel of Luke in the New Testament?

The Episcopal Church is made up of communities of Christians in every corner of the United States and Georgia, with four parishes in Macon alone. Many of these churches can be found via the parish church buildings, the yellow pages, and the familiar "shield" signs of our church. We would love to welcome you to Christ Church, the oldest church in Macon and the founding parish of our diocese.

Our bishop, The Right Rev. J. Neil Alexander, has his office in the See City of Atlanta at the Cathedral of St. Phillip. The national headquarters of the Episcopal Church is located at 815 Second Avenue in New York City. We have missionaries on every continent and support multiple ministries and missions in Macon, Atlanta, and across the nation. Some Episcopalians are committed to traditional religious communities, whether as monks and nuns or as people associated with these communities. All of us welcome your inquiries.