

Quorn Baptist Church

Code of Practice Guidelines for Safeguarding - Appendix IV

Purpose Statement and Declaration of Faith

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Our purpose is to bring people to Jesus and into membership of His church family, develop them into Christ-like maturity, and equip them for ministry in the church and mission in the world, in order to magnify God's name.

Statement of Faith¹:

We Christians all share these beliefs: God created the universe in a wonderful and marvelous way and wants us to have a relationship with Him. But human beings choose not to conform with what God intended when He made us. This rebellion is called sin and, no matter what we do, we are not able to put things right by ourselves.

So, God decided to come Himself and deal with the situation once and for all. Uniquely, He came in human form as Jesus and was sacrificed on a Roman cross. His death meant that if we confess our sins and believe that Jesus died in our place, then we will be forgiven and have eternal life in heaven with God.

Whilst God continues to love us, teach us, encourage us, and correct us, we must change our lifestyle by keeping in touch with God through Jesus (praying), obeying His commands, reading the Bible and worshipping Him. To help us in this, He sends His Holy Spirit.

As Christians, we all believe these things and try to practice all that God asks – it's not easy and very often we fail, but the amazing thing is that God goes on loving, teaching and correcting us.

By accepting this form, I declare that:

- I have accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord
- I agree with the Statement of Faith above
- I seek to work within the leadership team of the QBC group to help others come to a life-changing faith in Jesus Christ.

¹Note the Statement of Faith is intended as a *summary* of the Christian faith. It is not a full and complete description of the Christian Faith