

St Andrew's Church Corbridge



The Nicene Creed & the Bible

2025 marks the 1700th anniversary of the original development of the Nicene Creed.

Sunday 28th September: Revd Richard Steel author of Grove book: The Nicene Creed and the Bible will preach at our **10.00am service**.

The New Testament says remarkable things about the person of Jesus. Read passages such as John chapter 1 or St Paul's writings in Colossians 1 and Philippians 2, and we read amazing teaching about the eternal divinity of Jesus as Son of God. But how do we express these convictions in a way that does full justice to what the New Testament says?

This year is the 1700th anniversary of what we call the Nicene Creed. This is the Creed we usually say together on Sunday mornings at Holy Communion.

The Creed was adopted by Bishops attending the Council of Nicea (hence, Nicene), an ancient city in modern-day Turkey in the year 325. It is a summary of orthodox Christian belief, especially concerning Jesus as the eternal Son of God. The Creed was written to combat an early Christian heresy called Arianism. Arians taught that the Son of God was a created being, and therefore not equal to the Father.

The Creed was expanded at the Council of Constantinople in 381 and finally adopted by the whole Church at the Council of Chalcedon in 451. The later versions of the Creed also make explicit the divinity of the Holy Spirit. From Chalcedon, it began to be recited in public worship, becoming universal in the eleventh century.

At the Reformation, Archbishop Thomas Cranmer incorporated it in the Communion service of the Church of England, where it continues to this day.

The Nicene Creed was agreed by the undivided Church and it still remains the essential statement of biblical faith distinguishing true and orthodox Christian belief from those of sects and cults. It sets out God's self-revelation as our Trinitarian God. The one God we worship is the God we know as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Explore the Nicene Creed Together

2025 is a great opportunity for us to explore as a Church family the heart of our faith. This leaflet sets out how we can do that using Richard Steel's booklet *The Nicene Creed and the Bible*.

Mondays in St Andrew's Church Cottage, 9.30am to 11.00am

Led by David and Linda.

Monday 29th, September, 6th, 13th, 20th October and 3rd, 10th and 17th of November, Refreshments will be served.

You're warmly invited to join a friendly and reflective group as we explore, question, and deepen our understanding of the Nicene Creed.

This group will offer a chance to grow in faith, ask questions, and discover how the creed speaks to our lives today. Whether you're curious, seeking clarity, or simply wanting to revisit the beliefs at the heart of our faith, there's a place for you in the conversation.

We'd love to see you there.

Thursdays 4.30pm

Led by Paul Morris and Max and Monica Philbrick

The Home Group will be exploring the Nicene Creed too. If you would like to join them you will be most welcome.

Their exploration of the Nicene Creed will begin on Thursday 2nd October at 4.30pm at the home of Paul and Jane Morris, Dale House, Farnley. Please contact Paul: p4jmorris@gmail.com or telephone 07939505003 for further information.

Thereafter, the Home Group will be meeting at the home of Max and Monica Philbrick 11, Croft's Avenue, 01434 632707 or max.philbrick@gmx.co.uk.

