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Article VIII: Of the Three Creeds

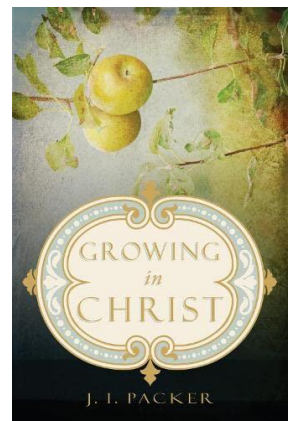
We continue our series through the 39 Articles of Religion, of the Church of England, and this month we consider Article VIII, which states: "The Three Creeds, Nicene Creed, Athanasius's Creed, and that which is commonly called the Apostles' Creed, ought thoroughly to be received and believed: for they may be proved by most certain warrants of holy Scripture."

This Article does a number of things. Firstly, it establishes the Church of England to sit firmly within the Church Catholic. Catholic simply means universal, and at the time of the Protestant Reformation in the 16th Century the Church of England along with the continental Reformed Churches made it clear that they were not departing *from* the faith, but rather returning *to* it. They sought to return to the faith of the early church, and so made it clear in this Article that they hold to the faith as articulated in the three creeds of the early church.

Secondly, this Article continues to establish the Scriptures as the ultimate authority of the church, and states that the creeds are to be received precisely because they can be "proved by most certain warrants of holy Scripture." In this way the creeds are most helpfully seen as 'boundary markers', they reveal what the church agrees to be the central teaching of the church, and any novel or strange teaching that contradicts the creeds is to be considered unorthodox and heretical.

Thirdly, this Article and the creeds reveal that our faith is never an individualistic faith, but rather something corporate and communal. Some see the Protestant Reformation as the triumph of the individual over the establishment. However, this was never the case. The creeds are something that we as Christians share and assent to together. No individual Church or Christian is at liberty to amend the creed, and when we add our voice to them each Sunday we join in with a community of faith far larger than ourselves. The creeds echo down through the centuries and around the globe, and when we recite them each Sunday we add our voice to the Church Catholic.

Finally, the creeds reveal that our faith requires active assent. There can be no such thing as a 'nominal' Christian, Christianity is something that we have to 'opt into'. Each Sunday reading the creed together is one way in which we say: "I'm in. This is my church, this is my faith, this is my belief."



If you would like to read more on the creeds a good book to read would be: 'Growing in Christ' by J. I. Packer. Available online.

SEPTEMBER 2022

Day	Time	Service/Event	Venue
Friday 2nd	1:30pm	Craft Group	Cranfield Church
Sunday 4th	9:00am 10.30am	Holy Communion – 1662 Prayer Book Morning Service	Salford Church Cranfield Church
Wednesday 7th	7:30pm	Music Practice	Cranfield Church
Thursday 8th	7:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	Cranfield Church
Friday 9th	1:30pm	Craft Group	Cranfield Church
Saturday 10th	3:00pm 6:30pm	Wedding: Matt and Andrea Bedford Road Home Group	Cranfield Church 95 Bedford Road
Sunday 11th	9:00am 10.30am	Holy Communion - 1662 Prayer Book Morning Service (with Holy Communion)	Hulcote Church Cranfield Church
Tuesday 13th	7:30pm	Discipleship Explored	Cranfield Church
Wednesday 14th	10:00am 7:00pm 7:30pm	Holy Communion Service Hulcote and Salford PCC Meeting Music Practice	Cranfield Church Salford Church Cranfield Church
Thursday 15th	9:30am 12:00pm 4:00pm 7:30pm	Spread the Joy Café with Junior Jivers Funeral Rock Solid Bell Ringing Practice	Cranfield Church Cranfield Church Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Friday 16th	1:30pm	Craft Group	Cranfield Church
Saturday 17th	10:00am 6:30pm 7:30pm	Pew Top Sale Bedford Road Home Group Manor House Quartet Concert	Cranfield Church 95 Bedford Road Cranfield Church
Sunday 18th	9:00am 10.30am	Holy Communion - 1662 Prayer Book Morning Service (with Baptism)	Salford Church Cranfield Church
Monday 19th	7:30pm	Cranfield PCC Meeting (with Bishop Richard visiting)	Cranfield Church
Tuesday 20th	7:30pm	Discipleship Explored	Cranfield Church
Wednesday 21st	7:00pm 7:30pm	Youth Group Bible Study Music Group Practice	The Rectory Cranfield Church
Thursday 22nd	9:30am 4:00pm 7:30pm	Spread the Joy Café with Junior Jivers Rock Solid Bell Ringing Practice	Cranfield Church Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Friday 23rd	1:30pm	Craft Group	Cranfield Church
Saturday 24th	6:30pm	Bedford Road Home Group	95 Bedford Road
Sunday 25th	9:00am 10:30am	Morning Prayer – 1662 Prayer Book – Harvest Service Morning Service (with Holy Communion) – Harvest Service	Hulcote Church Cranfield Church
Tuesday 27th	7:30pm	Discipleship Explored	Cranfield Church
Wednesday 28th	10:00am 7:30pm	Holy Communion Service Music Group Practice	Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Thursday 29th	9:30am 4:00pm 7:30pm	Spread the Joy Café with Junior Jivers Rock Solid Bell Ringing Practice	Cranfield Church Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Friday 30th	1:30pm	Craft Group	Cranfield Church