

The Sanctuary Trust

Statement of Faith

The Sanctuary Trust is a Christian based organisation which, while not seeking to proselytize, stands securely on the following statement of belief.

Along with mainstream evangelicals, the Sanctuary here assert doctrines they regard as crucial to the understanding of faith, and which should issue in mutual love, practical Christian service and evangelical concern.

- The sovereignty and grace of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit in creation providence, revelation, redemption and final judgement.
- The divine inspiration of Holy Scripture and its subsequent entire trustworthiness and supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- The universal sinfulness and guilt of fallen humanity, making it subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
- The substitutionary sacrifice of the incarnate Son of God as the sole, all sufficient ground of redemption from the guilt and power of sin and from its eternal consequences.
- The justification of the sinner solely by the grace God through faith in Christ crucified and risen from the dead.
- The illuminating, regenerating, indwelling and sanctifying work of God the Holy Spirit.
- The priesthood of all believers, who from the universal Church, the Body of which Christ is the Head and which is committed by His command to the proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world.
- The expectation of personal, visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ in power and glory.

The Sanctuary Trust's Mission Statement is seen as the practical outworking of this statement of belief, namely:

The Sanctuary Trust is a practical expression of God's love, providing support and encouragement for people who are homeless or seeking to take control of their lives through drug, alcohol or other homeless-related problems.

As a consequence of the above Mission Statement the Sanctuary Trust aims:

- *To help people to take a full place in society and live independently.*
- *To give vulnerable people opportunity to improve the quality of life by providing a stable environment which enables them to take greater responsibility for their lives.*

It is expected that:

1. All residents are made aware of the Mission Statement and understand the Christian ethos of the Sanctuary's work.
2. No individual will be coerced or forced into belief, or made to feel uncomfortable due to lack of belief.
3. All staff are in full agreement with the Aims of the Sanctuary
4. All Senior Staff and Directors will give assent to the Statement of Faith