



# INSTITUTE OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES

## BELIEFS OF THE CHURCH

**Instructor:** The Rev. James Harris

**Dates:** March 17, 2012 and April 21, 2012

**Textbook:** Alister E. McGrath. *Theology: The Basics*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing. 2008 [9781405167543].  
*The Holy Bible, English Standard Edition* (2001). [Recommended, but other Translations are permitted.]

**Course Description:** An introduction to Classical Christian Beliefs, from an Anglican perspective. Using the Apostles' Creed as a point of reference, we will survey the biblical and apostolic origins of Christianity, its doctrinal development into the major headings of Systematic Theology, and examine some of the differing points of view within the Episcopal Church.

### CLASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 19

#### TOPICS

#### READINGS

- Bible – Bibliology
  - Faith and Reason – Epistemology
  - God – Theology Proper
  - God – The Trinity
  - Creation
- Handout  
Getting Started and  
Chapter 1  
Chapter 2  
Chapter 6  
Chapter 3

Saturday, April 9

- Jesus Christ – Christology
  - Salvation – Soteriology
  - Church – Ecclesiology
  - Sacraments
  - Heaven – Eschatology
- Chapter 4  
Chapter 5  
Chapter 7  
Chapter 8  
Chapter 9

**PROJECT:** There will be a practically oriented project assigned for those who are taking the course for credit and it will be due thirty (30) days after the second class.