



# BEACON CHURCH

## Creation

### Statement on Creation

***Genesis 1, 2, 3; Psalm 8; Psalm 19; John 1:1-17; Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 1:1-4; Hebrews 11:1-3***

We at the Beacon Church believe in the total and complete authority of the Word of God, inspired by God the Holy Spirit and written down by people.

We believe that God is the sole creator and sustainer of the universe in its entirety. The laws that govern all life are from God. The Bible is clear and definite on God being the creator and the reason for the creation, for God's glory and honour and the enjoyment of those created.

We believe that God created the universe in 6 days and that there is an order to the world around us. We believed that Adam was a personal creation of God formed from the dust of the ground, with Eve being taken from Adam to be his helper and companion. Adam and Eve were made in the image of God and are responsible for the fall into sin and the sinful nature into which all people are born.

We must give God the glory deserved as Creator and worship God as such. We, as the spiritual leadership of the church, want scripture to be our yardstick in all things. We do not see science and faith as enemies, instead as allies that point to the glory of a creator God who designed the universe.

We accept that there are godly people who will have different views on the "finer points of creation", looking at how the universe came into being. The differing views on creation must not, and will not, be allowed to cause divisions in the fellowship.

### For our pastor

The key overriding priority is how our pastor views the Bible and holds up its teachings against other models that suggest how the world and universe around us came into being.

We would expect him to be able to sign up to both the Church's statement of faith and statement on creation.