**St Saviour’s Bible Study Autumn Programme 2020 - The Creeds**

**Session 6: Life in Christ - communion, forgiveness, resurrection, and life everlasting.**

The apostles’ creed finishes off with what might initially look like a sweeping up exercise - catching up with everything that has not been mentioned so far. But I believe that there is a theme here and that it is about the marks of life in Christ, both corporately and as individual people.

The communion of saints

* Mark 14: 22-24
* Luke 24: 28-31
* 1 Cor 11: 23-26
* 1 Cor 11: 27-34

What do we when we say that we believe in the communion of saints?

Why do we do it and what is the reason for doing it together?

What do we think happens when we take communion?

The forgiveness of sins

* Leviticus 16: 20-22
* Isaiah 40: 1-3
* Matt 9: 2-8
* Matt 26: 27-28
* Col 1: 12-14

What do we understand by sin? Why is it a problem? Does it still make sense to people today?

What do we think atonement means and how does it work?

How does the Bible link these issues in the OT and NT?

The resurrection of the body

The word catholic in this instance does not refer solely to the Roman Catholic church. It retains its original meaning of universal and all-embracing.

* Mark 9: 30-32
* Mark 16: 1-7
* John 20: 24-29
* Acts 2: 29-33
* Acts 17: 29-33

Why is the resurrection of Christ so important?

What does this part of the creed say about our attitude to material things?

How do we think that resurrection works for people other than Jesus?

The life everlasting

What does it mean for us to say that we have everlasting life?

Can the Christian message have meaning without eternal life?

When does everlasting life start?

* John 3: 13-17
* John 17: 1-5
* 1 Cor 15: 13-19
* 1 Tim 4: 11-16