The Way Fellowship



Basis of Belief

Following Jesus · Sharing life · Growing together

Welcome to The Way

We are a church family in Kibworth seeking to follow Jesus, share life and grow together.
Our church exists to know Jesus, make Him known and seek to live in obedience to Him.
This booklet explains the beliefs that shape our life together.
We would love to welcome you, answer any questions or help you find out more about The Way Fellowship.

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God

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is the Creator and Sustainer of all things and is sovereign, holy, loving, just and merciful.

Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, fully God and fully human. He lived a sinless life, died on the cross in the place of sinners, rose bodily from the dead and ascended into heaven. He reigns as Lord and will return.
Our church exists to know Jesus, make Him known and seek to live in obedience to Him.



The Bible

We believe that the Bible is the inspired, trustworthy and sufficient Word of God. Scripture is our final authority for what we believe and how we seek to live. Where personal experience, culture or human wisdom conflicts with Scripture, we submit ourselves to God's Word.





Humanity and Salvation

We believe that every person is created in the image of God and therefore has inherent dignity, worth and value.
All humanity is affected by sin and in need of reconciliation with God.
We believe that salvation is by God's grace alone, through faith in Jesus Christ alone. It cannot be earned through good works. Those who repent and trust in Christ receive forgiveness, new life and the hope of eternity with Him.





The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is fully God and that every believer is indwelt by the Spirit.
The Holy Spirit brings new life, transforms us to become more like Christ, equips us for service and empowers us to bear witness to Jesus.
We affirm Scripture as the final and sufficient authority for Christian faith and practice. Any claimed exercise of spiritual gifts must never rival or add to Scripture and must be tested according to Scripture.
We seek to approach areas where faithful Christians may differ concerning the nature and exercise of spiritual gifts with biblical discernment, humility and grace.

The Church

We believe that the Church is the body of Christ, made up of all who belong to Jesus. Christ alone is the head of His Church.
The local church exists to worship God, teach His Word, make disciples, care for one another and share the gospel.
We practise believer's baptism as the biblical response of those who have personally placed their faith in Christ, and the Lord's Supper in remembrance of His death and resurrection.







Leadership and Teaching

We believe that men and women are equally created in the image of God, equally valuable and equally called to serve Christ.

We understand Scripture to teach that the responsibility of elder/pastor and authoritative teaching of the gathered church is entrusted to suitably qualified men.

We encourage both men and women to use their God-given gifts faithfully and fully within the life and mission of the church, in accordance with Scripture.

Children and Young People

We believe that children and young people are a valued part of the church and that we have a responsibility to faithfully teach them God's Word.

We are committed to teaching the whole counsel of Scripture in an age-appropriate and accessible way, without avoiding or changing biblical truth simply because it may be difficult or counter-cultural.

Our desire is that children grow to know the Bible for themselves, understand the gospel, ask honest questions and develop a faith rooted in God's Word rather than simply in the culture around them.

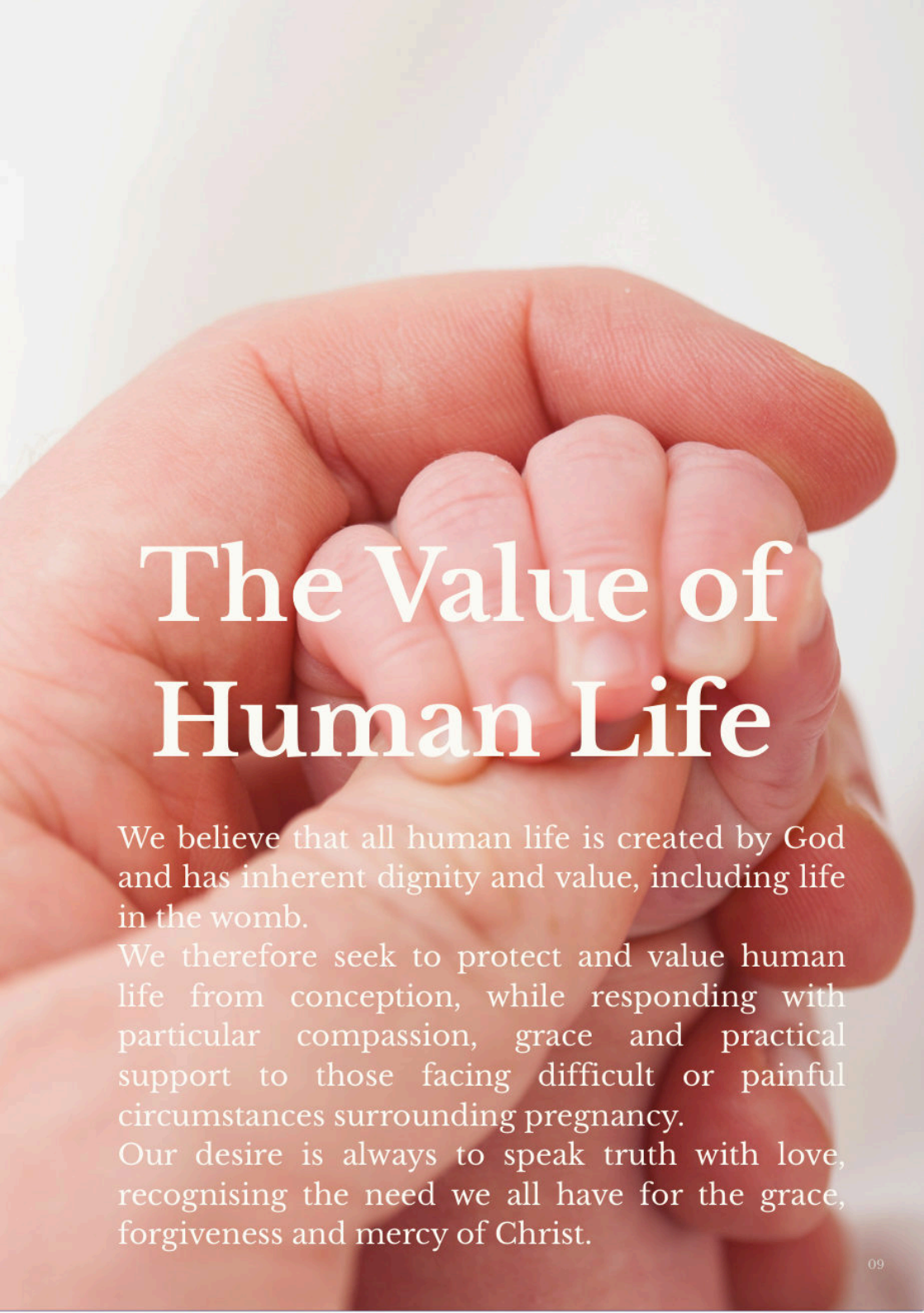
We seek to do this with clarity, wisdom, compassion and appropriate safeguarding, always pointing children towards Jesus.



Marriage, Sex and Relationships

We believe God's design for marriage is a lifelong covenant between one man and one woman, and that sexual intimacy belongs within marriage.
We seek to follow biblical teaching in matters of relationships, sexuality and identity while treating every person with dignity, compassion, kindness and respect.
We recognise that we are all sinners in need of God's grace and seek to be a church where people can encounter Jesus, hear His Word and grow as His disciples.





The Value of Human Life

We believe that all human life is created by God and has inherent dignity and value, including life in the womb.

We therefore seek to protect and value human life from conception, while responding with particular compassion, grace and practical support to those facing difficult or painful circumstances surrounding pregnancy.

Our desire is always to speak truth with love, recognising the need we all have for the grace, forgiveness and mercy of Christ.



Christian Living

We believe that those who have been saved by grace are called to a life of obedience, holiness and ongoing repentance.
We seek, through the work of the Holy Spirit, to live lives characterised by love, humility, integrity, generosity, service and faithfulness to God's Word.
Obedience does not earn our salvation; it is our response to the grace we have received.

Mission

We believe Jesus calls His Church to make disciples and share the gospel, demonstrating His love through both our words and our actions and serving the local community in which God has placed us.





Our Future Hope

We believe that Jesus Christ will return. He will judge the living and the dead, and God will establish His eternal kingdom, bringing final justice, restoration and everlasting life to those who belong to Christ.

Our Commitment

We seek to be a church that is:

- Christ-centred.
- Grounded in Scripture.
- Dependent on the Holy Spirit.
- Committed to truth and grace.
- Accountable to one another.
- Passionate about making Jesus known.

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