

**I BELIEVE... In God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth...**  
**Reading: Genesis 1:1-5, John 14:1-14. (by Bro. Roger Williams)**

First of all, ***"I believe..."***

To believe basically means to accept the truth, or truthfulness, of something or someone.

Unfortunately, in today's English, "I believe" has come to mean rather less than being sure of the truth of something. "Has anyone seen John today?" you ask. "I believe he's gone to London," someone replies. The second speaker thinks John *may* have gone to London, but he is far from certain. If he was sure of his facts, he wouldn't say "I believe" anything - he would just say "He's gone to London." But this uncertainty is not an essential part of believing - far from it! If we say to someone, "Believe me...!" we are not asking them to have any doubt about what we are telling them. And if we say "I don't believe you!" we are making it very clear that we have no doubt that what we have heard is untrue. And this same level of certainty is there - or should be - when we repeat the Creed.

And here we say "I believe *in...*" And to believe in someone or something normally means to be convinced of their existence - whether we claim to believe in God, or fairies or flying saucers. And at the basic level, of course, this is exactly what we do mean when we say "I believe in God." As it says in Hebrews 11:6, "without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists..." But it is clear that this level of belief is not enough: the Scriptural significance of "believing in" goes much further than that. In James 2:19 we read, "You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that - and shudder." So clearly just believing that God exists is not enough to make you a Christian or get you to heaven.

You see, the words used in the New Testament to talk about "believing" are the same words that are also translated as "have faith in" and "trust." Here in John 14 we have "trust" in verse 1, "believe" in verses 10 and 11, "have faith" in verse 12 - all translating the same Greek word. Believing in God is more than just believing that He exists - it also involves coming to trust Him and rely on Him. This is very clear in John 14:1, where Jesus says "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me." (NRSV). Here, clearly, Jesus was not saying to His disciples, "You believe that God exists, believe that I exist also" - after all, He was standing there in front of them as He spoke. Rather, we should read with the NIV, "Trust in God; trust also in me." "Don't worry about the future," says Jesus - "Put your trust in God, and trust Me too..."

So when the Christian says "I believe..." he is expressing not only the acceptance of truth, but also an attitude of trust and an act of commitment. And it is "I believe..." Graham Kendrick has made it "We believe..." in his song "We believe in God the Father," but *we* can only believe as a group if we *each* believe as individuals. It is something that we must each do for ourselves - I cannot believe for you, and you cannot do it for me. So the Apostles' Creed is worded in the first person singular throughout - "I believe..."

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**Sunday Service 主日崇拜**  
 Sunbridge Road Mission  
 Gaynor Street, Bradford, BD1 2LF

**Church House 教會屋**  
 8 Ashgrove, Great Horton Road  
 Bradford, BD7 1BN



**Bradford Chinese  
 Christian Church**  
 百福華人基督教會

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**Programme Today 程序表 05/02/2012**

下午 pm

<b>1:30 Sunday Service 主日崇拜</b>		
Chairman/Interpreter	主席／翻譯	Kenneth/Cindy
Worship/Interpreter	敬拜／翻譯	Yuen Tai/Kenneth
Pianist	司琴	Derek/Bee
Speaker/Interpreter	講道／翻譯	Pastor Irene Chan
Communion	聖餐	
Steward	司事	TBC

<b>2:10 Sunday School 主日學</b>		
Infant	幼兒班	Grace/Ivy
Intermediate	中班	Margot
Bible Class	聖經班	

<b>3:00 Tea Fellowship 茶點</b>		
Chair	主持	房新民弟兄 / 韦信良弟兄 Bro. Kenneth Fong/Bro. Bob Wei
Preparation	茶點預備	Bro. Gordon Law and Sis. Yuen Tai's group

<b>3:45</b>	<b>Bible Study (Mandarin)</b>	<b>國語聖經班</b>	Please contact Christina Xu
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<b>4:00</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	<b>祈禱會</b>	Please contact Stella Liang
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<b>5:30</b>	<b>Open House</b>	<b>開放教會屋</b>	Please contact Vivien Moss
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## 感恩與禱告 Thanksgiving and Prayers

- 1 请继续在祷告中记得薛斌，丽珠和嘉莹一家，他们的案子还未裁定。Continue to remember Xue Bin & Li Zhu & Abigail in your prayers as they are still awaiting the decision upon their case.
- 2 请为胡艳芬姊妹祷告，希望她在香港能医治好她的肩膀。Pray for Fun that she will have a successful treatment on her shoulder in Hong Kong.
- 3 请为尼日利亚的教会和基督徒祷告，他们遭受到一系列来自极端主义穆斯林的攻击。求主为生活在那里的基督徒给予他的保守，阻止所有的攻击 Pray for the churches and Christians in Nigeria who have been subject to a series of attacks from Muslim Extremists. Pray for God's protection upon the Christians there and all the attacks will be stopped.
- 4 请为埃及和叙利亚的动乱祷告。求神给予不安稳的局势一个和平的解决方法。Pray for the conflicts in Egypt and Syria. May God bring a peaceful conclusion to the unrest.
- 5 请继续为我们的教会祷告，求主在我们的侍奉和牧职中来彰显他的计划和旨意。Continue to pray for our church that God will show us His plan & will in our service & ministries.
- 6 请为 Elizabeth 祷告，她最近两周身体微恙。Pray for Elizabeth who has been quite poorly and ill for the last two weeks.

## 報告 Announcements

- 1 上周主日崇拜出席人数 Last Sunday Service Attendance: TBC;  
上周奉献总额 Last Week's Total Offering: £TBC
  - 2 教会屋将从 2 月 13 号开始整修，愿意参与帮忙的请联络 Barry 和 Jim. Church House re-decoration project starts on 13 Feb. Help is required. Any volunteers please contact Barry & Jim.
  - 3 百福华人教会的周年大会将于 2 月 26 号周日下午 3 点半召开。请向执事会秘书 Esther 提名执事会的候选人。如果有意申请成为有投票权的百福华人教会成员请向 Kenneth 询问详情。AGM for BCCC is to be held at 3:30pm on Sunday 26 Feb 2012. Nomination of candidates for Council member election should be made to the Secretary of the Council, Esther. Please contact Kenneth for details about applying to become a BCCC voting member.
- 我们向何玉芳 (Grace Ho) 姊妹道别，她将要回台湾。我们求神加添祝福给她，也请神看顾她的未来。We say farewell to Grace Ho who is returning to Taiwan. We pray God's blessings will go with her and may God direct her future path.

## 聚會時間表 Weekly Meetings

星期 Date	時間 Time	聚會 Event	地點 Venue	聯絡人 Contact
一 Mon	11:00	國語查經班 Mandarin Bible Study	22 Rooley Lane, BD5 8LX	Sis. Pauline
二 Tue	10:30	祈禱會 (隔周) Prayer Meeting (Bi-weekly)	教會屋 Church House	羅李元帶姊妹 Yuen Tai Law
四 Tue	10:30	粵語查經班 Cantonese Bible Study	教會屋 Church House	羅李元帶姊妹 Yuen Tai Law
四 Thu	19:00	粵語查經班 Cantonese Bible Study	教會屋 Church House	溫康妮姊妹 Connie Woon
五 Fri	19:30	英語查經班 English Bible Study	教會屋 Church House	Bro. Andrew Moss
日 Sun	13:30	主日崇拜 Sunday Service	Sunbridge Road Mission	房新民弟兄 Kenneth Fong
日 Sun	14:10	主日學 Sunday School	Sunbridge Road Mission	Sis. Margot Williams
日 Sun	15:45	國語查經班 Mandarin Bible Study	Sunbridge Road Mission	Sis Christina Xu
日 Sun	16:00	祈禱會 Prayer Meeting	Sunbridge Road Mission	Sis. Stella Liang
日 Sun	17:30	開放教會屋 Open House	教會屋 Church House	Sis. Vivien Moss

## 主日事奉輪值表 Sunday Service Duty Rota

	12/02/2012	19/02/2012
<b>主日崇拜</b>	<b>Sunday Service</b>	
主席/翻譯 Chairman/Interpreter	Thursday Bible Study Team	Kevin Zhang/Ken
敬拜/翻譯 Worship/Interpreter	Thursday Bible Study Team	Kevin Zhang/Ken
司琴 Pianist	Risa	Grace Cheung
講道/翻譯 Speaker/Interpreter		
聖餐 Communion		
司事 Steward	TBC	TBC
<b>主日學</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>	
幼兒班 Infant	Margot/Xiao Mei	Hui Hui/Men Ying
中班 Intermediate	Stella	Communion
聖經班 Bible Class	Andrew/Roger	
<b>茶點</b>	<b>Tea Fellowship</b>	
主持 Chair	韦信良弟兄/李家强弟兄 Bro. Bob Wei/Bro. Victor Lee	李家强弟兄/孙定福弟兄 Bro. Victor Lee/Bro. Johnny Sun
茶點預備 Preparation	Sis Pauline's Group	Bro. Victor Lee and Sis. Christina's Group