

Who we are

In the 1840s, as the City of Newcastle upon Tyne expanded westward, a church was planted in Elswick. This was St Paul's Chapel. Then, in 1859, it was replaced by St Paul's Church, High Elswick. In 1868 St Stephen's Church, Low Elswick, was opened.

In 2006 the two parishes merged to form Elswick Parish Church. This church is also known as St Stephen and St Paul, Elswick.

For over 170 years Christians in Elswick have sought to glorify God by living for him and by making known the good news of what he has provided in Jesus Christ.

Elswick Parish Church exists today to glorify Almighty God through:

- (1) worship;
- (2) godly living; and,
- (3) the proclamation of the biblical gospel of Jesus Christ, with the intent that all who reside within the parish, or with whom the church members meet, will be encouraged:
 - [a] to turn from sin;
 - [b] to believe in God;
 - [c] to live for God;
 - [d] to work for the growth of God's church; and,
 - [e] to work for the transformation of society under God's written Word (the Bible).

We affirm that 'The doctrine of the Church of England is grounded in the Holy Scriptures, and in such teachings of the ancient Fathers and Councils of the church as agreeable to the said Scriptures. In particular, such teaching is to be found in the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, the *Book of Common Prayer* and the Ordinal' (*Canon A5*).

Furthermore, we affirm that 'The Thirty-Nine Articles are agreeable to the Word of God, and may be assented unto with a good conscience by all the members of the Church of England (*Canon A2*).