



## The Kingsway Trust Story

In 1974 Graham and Joan Braddock purchased a life-style block in Dairy Flat, North Auckland, and began attending Red Beach Methodist Church. One afternoon at church, Graham listened to Cathie Crawley share about a Christ-centred preschool she had established in Auckland. As she was speaking, Graham had the strong sense that God was saying, "Do it here!" Graham shared the vision with others, and after much prayer the leaders at Red Beach Methodist endorsed the idea. They made their church facilities available, and in 1982, Hillary Monk, from YWAM University of the Nations in Hawaii, set up the Red Beach Christian Preschool.

Graham also saw the need for a Christian School. He was concerned about some of the trends in society and saw the need for raising up Godly leaders. He wanted a school that could be a working model of Christ-centred education, where the Scriptures were held in high regard as the inspired and authoritative word of God, and where students could be disciplined in the faith and equipped to become servant leaders in all walks of life. So, in 1985 a steering committee was formed to pray and work toward the establishment of a Christian school in the region.

On 8 September 1986, KingsWay School opened its doors at the Red Beach site with one teacher, Helen Pearson (nee Hulse), and ten pupils aged five to seven. The school was non-denominational so that it could serve the whole Body of Christ, and an independent Trust was formed to take ownership of the assets and to be keepers of the vision.

KingsWay School grew rapidly and there was soon a pressing need to find a new site. One day, Bruce McNair and Graham Braddock stood looking across the Orewa Estuary at surrounding farmland. It looked like a site Bruce had seen in a dream. After much prayer, the land at the bottom of Jelas Road was purchased for \$186,000. John Bolam handled the Resource Consent Application, Wendy Bolam proposed the idea of hexagonal shaped classrooms, and Ron Youngman organised the construction team. With Joe Darby and Bob Cook, and volunteer parents and teachers, the team built the first blocks of classrooms. The four houses of KingsWay School are named after some of these key figures: Braddock, Youngman, Darby and Cook.

More than thirty years have passed since KingsWay School opened in 1986. During that time the school's roll has expanded to over 1,455 students (Years 1-13) spread across two campuses, and the farmland that once surrounded the school has given way to residential housing. Two new preschools have been added to The Kingsway Trust network and three new schools: Horizon School in Mahurangi (Years 1-13); Jireh Christian School in Avondale (Years 1-8); and KingsGate School in Pukekohe (Years 1-8). The KingsWay Trust continues to serve God and Christ-centred education in the greater Auckland region, and seeks to hear what the Spirit of God is saying to them and their schools in each generation.



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Who we are



# Narrative of Faith: The real story by which we live

The following story is a summary of the overarching narrative of Scripture. It is the story by which we live, and it can be summed up as follows.

The one true God, who exists eternally as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is a holy trinity of self-giving love. God determined to share his love and life with human beings. Therefore, God created the heavens and the earth. Then God created human beings in his image and likeness, male and female. He created them for relationship with himself and with one another. God blessed them to be fruitful and gave them a mandate to fill the earth, rule over it, steward God's creation and care for its creatures. God looked upon all he made and declared it very good.

Our relationship with God, with others and with creation, was fractured when sin, evil and death entered the world. Yet God did not abandon his world or his image bearers. God had a plan which began with the call of Abraham to bless the world, firstly through his descendants—the people of Israel. God delivered the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, established a covenant with them at Mount Sinai, and led them into a good land. God gave the law to guide them, summed up in the Ten Commandments and the two great commandments: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength," and "Love your neighbour as yourself." But God's people did not remain faithful to the covenant. God sent prophets to call them back to God and to the covenant, but they remained unfaithful. Eventually the land was invaded and the people taken into exile. Yet God did not abandon his people or his plan to save the world. God promised to rescue them and send the Messiah. He would be their anointed king, and through him all the world would be blessed. For he would make atonement for their sins, and the sins of the whole world.

These hopes were fulfilled in Jesus Christ. God the Son became God incarnate, fully God and fully human. Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, revealing to the world what God is truly like. Jesus lived a holy, loving and sinless life, revealing to humanity what it means to be human. Through his ministry, Jesus inaugurated the kingdom of God. He was rejected by the ruling authorities, was crucified, died, and buried. On the third day he rose from the dead. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God defeated the powers of sin, Satan, and death, ushered in a new covenant, and provided for our forgiveness and salvation. The bodily resurrection of Jesus marks the beginning of the new creation. Jesus ascended into heaven where he now reigns at the right hand of God the Father.

The Holy Spirit, who is the giver of life and who was active in the ministry of Jesus, came upon the early church at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is at work in the world bringing people to faith, drawing them to God, guiding them into truth, and bringing about the work of regeneration and transformation in their lives so that those in Christ will be conformed to his image. The redeemed in Christ belong to one, holy, universal church. Guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit, the church is called to participate with Christ in God's mission to bring reconciliation, renewal and restoration to a hurting and broken world until Christ returns to usher in the new creation in all its fullness. At that time the dead will be resurrected, God will bring about his final justice and reconciliation, all evil will be eradicated, and the heavens and earth will be made new.



## Statement of Faith

1. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God is love, God is holy, and God is the source of all wisdom.
2. In his sovereignty, God created the heavens and earth, and declared them good. God upholds and sustains all things.
3. We believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son of the Father. Through him and for him all things were created. He is God incarnate, the true image of God, fully God and fully human.
4. God created human beings in his own image. As image bearers we are designed for relationship with God and with one another, are blessed to be fruitful and productive in all areas of life, to the glory of God, and are entrusted with the stewardship and care of God's world.
5. Our relationship with God, with others, and with creation was fractured when sin, evil, and death entered the world. All have sinned and are unable to restore their relationship with God by their own efforts.
6. Therefore, God sent his only Son into the world. Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and lived a holy, loving, and sinless life. He was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven and now reigns at the right hand of the Father.
7. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God revealed himself to the world, defeated the powers of sin, evil, and death, provided for our salvation and reconciliation to him, inaugurated the Kingdom of God, and is working to renew all things. Jesus' resurrection marks the beginning of the new creation.
8. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is at work in the world bringing people to faith, drawing them to God, guiding them into truth, and working in them regeneration and transformation so that those in Christ will be conformed to his image. All the redeemed in Christ are united by the Holy Spirit and belong to one, holy, universal Church.
9. We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are inspired by God. As the supreme account of God's activity in the world, they attest to Christ and are trustworthy and authoritative. The Holy Scriptures are God's word to us through human authors.
10. Creation is moving toward its God ordained goal, when Christ will return as king, the dead will be resurrected, God will bring about his final justice and reconciliation, and the heavens and earth will be made new.
11. To be disciples of Christ is to respond to Christ's call and to participate in God's story as revealed in Scripture: to seek to know God's word and bear witness to his gospel; to seek to know and share in God's work and world; to form communities of faithfulness; and to be co-labourers with Christ in the renewal of all things.



## Prayer of Faith

Father God, creator of heaven and earth, we acknowledge our dependence upon you. We speak as ones spoken into being, sustained by your power and love. You have revealed yourself to us through your written word and through your Son, Jesus Christ. And you have breathed new life into us by your Holy Spirit. In this awareness, we The KingsWay Trust and its network of school communities, stand and pray. As part of your ongoing work of reconciliation, restoration, and renewal in the world, we ask for your guidance, empowerment, and strength as we seek to partner with parents and families to provide accessible, Christ-centred, quality education for children and young people in the Auckland region.

We worship you God our creator, and acknowledge that everything is from you, for you, and to you. May we be infused with a deep awareness of your presence, and may all aspects of our life, work, and learning find their active centre in you.

We are in awe that you have created us in your image and desire that all people come to know you and participate in your trinitarian life. Help our Trust and school communities to be places of acceptance, where every person and all creation is treated with care and respect. May we delight you by reflecting your creativity and love within our lives.

Though the world and all people within it are broken and far from your original design, you love us still and call us to return to you. May we live in your grace and share your grace with others, while doing all we can to keep the vulnerable safe.

We thank you Jesus Christ, God's Son who became truly and completely human. We acknowledge that you are Lord, and that salvation is available to us only in you. May we find our joy and vocation in partnering with you to bring restoration to this world and all those in it.

We thank you for the Holy Spirit, who is at work in the world drawing people to participate in Christ's life through the church and fulfilling God's mission of restoration and renewal. May our Trust and school communities be places of prayer, where we are deeply, intentionally, and increasingly dependent on the Holy Spirit's empowering and guiding.

We thank you for the Holy Scriptures which were inspired by you and are your gift to us through human hands. They provide us with authoritative guidance on matters of life and faith. May we be conversant with the Scriptures, skilled in both understanding their meaning and applying them wisely.

We thank you for directing creation towards its ultimate goal where every remnant of evil and darkness will be swept away by your all-encompassing goodness and light. May our Trust and school communities be expressions of hope, modelling (to the extent we can) your design and intent for humanity and creation.

With faith in you Father, and in our Lord Jesus Christ, with hope for the future that is truly approaching, and with the love of God dwelling in our hearts, we ask that you work through our Trust and school communities. May everything you are and do be reflected in who we are and what we do, so that your light may be increasingly seen through us.

## He Karakia Whakapono

E te Atua Matua, Kaihanga ō te Rangi me te Whenua, e whakawhetai ana, e whakawhirinaki atu ana, mō to awhi mai ia matou. Kotahi tonu te reo i whakapuakina ai te oranga tonutanga i runga i to mana, me to aroha. I whakakitea koe ki tenei Ao na to Kupu Tapu me to Tamaiti a Hehu Karaiti a na te Wairua Tapu ano hoki i whiwhi ai matou ki te hā o te oranga. Na enei whakamaramatanga e tuohu nei, e inoi whakamoemiti nei matou, te Kingsway Trust me te hāpori o te kura. Kia tau tonu te maungārongo, te rangimarie me te whakahoutanga ki te Ao. Whakakia o matou ngākau ki to wairua manaaki me to wairua kaha, kia pai ai to matou mahi tahi i roto i ngā whānau, ngā maatua, o ngā tamariki, taiohi o Tāmaki, kia whai urunga atu ki ngā akoranga rangatira, ngā akoranga piripono ki te Karaiti.

E koropiko, atu ana matou kia e te Atua, nau nei ngā mea katoa i hanga, nau ano i homai, kia whakahokia atu ano kia koe te kororiatanga. Me matua whakamohio tonu matou kei to matou taha tonu koe, e haere tahi ana me matou, i roto i o matou mahi, me o matou akoranga katoa.

Nau ano hoki matou i hanga kia rite tonu kia koe, ko te inoi, kia kaha tonu ngā tui katoa, kia piripono kia koe kia mau tonu i te ara o te Tirinitī. Manaakitia to matou Taraiti me ngā Komiti Kura kia wātea tonu hei waahi whakarurunga mo te katoa ahakoa te kara te kīri, te rawakore, ā kia manaakitia i runga i te tika te pono me te aroha. Ka tukua atu enei mahi enei inoi katoa kia koe, e te kaihanga, te puna o te aroha nui.

E raruraru ana te ao, e raruraru ana te tangata, na te kore e rite ki to hiahia ki te mea i hanga nei e koe. Engari ahakoa enei mea katoa, e aroha tonu ana koe kia matou, e karanga tonu ana kia hoki mai ki to taha. Kia noho tonu matou katoa ki to aroaro. Atawhaitia te hunga i pikau ana i ngā taimahatanga.

E whakawhetai ana matou kia koe e Hehu Karaiti, e te tama a Te Atua, i whakatangatatia ai ki tenei ao. Ko koe tonu te Ariki, te Kaiwhakaara o te ao, te kaiwhakaara mo matou katoa. Ka hari matou ki te mahi tahi kia koe, me to matou mohio ko koe anake te oranga mutunga kore mo matou me te ao katoa.

E whakawhetai ana mo to Wairua Tapu, e mahi nei, puta noa te Ao. He kupenga e hao ana i ngā tangata whakapono kia uru mai ki te Haahi o Hehu Karaiti, kia tutuki ai ngā wawata i tukua mai e Te Atua Matua mo te whakaara, me te whakahou ano i ngā wairua katoa. Whakatūwheratia to matou Taraiti me o matou kura hei whare karakia, hei wharewhakapumau i to matou whakapono ki raro tonu i korowā o Te Wairua Tapu.

E whakawhetai atu ana mo ngā Tuhiuhi Tapu i tukua mai nei e koe hei koha kia matou, nā te ringa tangata i mahi. Ko enei ngā kupu arataki ia matou i roto i tenei ao, i roto hoki i te whakapono. Me mātua mohio matou ki enei kupu o Ngā Tuhiuhi Tapu, kia mohio, kia matau, kia kawea ano i roto i o matou mahi o matou whakaaro me o matou korero katoa.

E whakawhetai ana mo te tuku mai i ngā mea katoa kua hangaa e koe, me te matua mohio ka whakahoretia, kia murua, ngā mea kino katoa, ngā mea kei roto i te pouritanga kia puta ai ki te maramatanga. E inoi ana matou kia tukua to matou Taraiti me o matou hāpori akoranga hei waahi manaaki, he waahi tumanako hei tauira ka puta ki te ao hei kitenga mo te katoa.

Mā te whakapono kia koe e Te Atua Matua Nui i te Rangi, ki to tamaiti kia Hehu Karaiti e whakawhetai ana e tumanako ana i runga i te aroha o te ngakau, ka inoi nei matou kia koe kia tukua mai to wairua tapu hei whakakii i o matou ngākau ara matou te Taraiti o Kingsway me te Hāpori o te Kura kia haere tonu o mahi i roto i a matou. Ko te atarangi tenei e kitea ai to rangatiratanga i roto i a matou, ko wai matou, he aha hoki o matou mahi. E tīaho ana to rama mā roto ia matou.

## Educational Convictions

Since God is triune and God is love, it follows that relationality and love are central to God's nature and character. And because this God is the source of all wisdom and spoke all things into being, it follows that the universe is filled with meaning and purpose. All truth is God's truth no matter where it is found.

As the image of the invisible God, Jesus Christ has revealed what God is truly like. As the image of God made fully human, Jesus has demonstrated what it means to be truly human. He understands our struggles and intercedes for us.

Every person is deeply loved and valued by God. As image bearers we are called to love God and love one another. In doing so we image the love of the triune God. We are invited to explore and learn, because the universe can be comprehended by the human mind. We are called to imagine, lead, design, build, compose, paint, write, and create. In doing so we image the rule and creativity of the triune God. We are invited to enjoy God's good creation, and we are called to be wise stewards of the earth and its resources and to care for God's creatures.

God calls us to extend grace toward one another for none of us are perfect. We are each a work in progress. We are called to forgive one another and seek reconciliation wherever possible. Our schools also provide clear boundaries, guidelines, and pastoral support to ensure the safety, health, and development of all, particularly those who are most vulnerable.

Our schools provide students with opportunities to hear about God's love for them, to know the good news of Jesus Christ, and to learn about Jesus' life, teaching, death, resurrection, and ascension. Since Christ now reigns at the right hand of the father, there is no area of life, learning, or vocation separate from Christ.

Our schools inspire students with a vision of the kingdom of God and how they can be part of it, encourage students to respond to the call of God on their lives, and provide students with opportunities to come to faith in Jesus Christ and to grow as authentic disciples of Jesus Christ.

We are called to be communities of faithfulness that foster a culture of prayer, are open to the leading of the Holy Spirit, support one another, extend grace toward one another, and allow people time to respond to God and to grow in Christ-likeness.

Since the Holy Scriptures are inspired by God, attest to Christ, and are authoritative and trustworthy, they are our primary source of guidance in matters of life and faith. The grand narrative of Scripture is the story by which we live. Through the Scriptures God has revealed himself to humankind, and through the Scriptures the Holy Spirit guides the church today. As an inspired text written by human authors, it is incumbent upon us all, but particularly those who teach, to become familiar with the Holy Scriptures and skilled in interpreting them wisely.

We have reason to hope, for Jesus Christ has been resurrected from the dead and now reigns at the right hand of the Father. Christ will come again in glory. At that time the dead will be raised and every remnant of evil and darkness will be swept away. God will make all things new.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to witness to the gospel and to participate with Christ in God's mission to bring about reconciliation, renewal, and restoration to all of creation until Jesus returns to usher in the kingdom and the new creation in all its fullness.

