

## **What is Christianity? - A basic overview of our beliefs:**

To define it simply, Christianity is the world's major monotheistic religion, with well over two billion adherents worldwide. "Monotheistic" means belief in one God, creator of "*all that is seen and unseen*", eternal as to time, limitless as to power, yet also as to love. Christians alone believe in Jesus Christ and follow his teachings, because we believe Jesus is God's own son. As the Son of God Jesus is fully divine. Because of his physical birth he was also fully a human being who lived among us on earth over 2,000 years ago. This "*two natures of Christ*" – that he was fully God and yet fully human, is a mystery, but a central tenant of our faith. Our heritage includes the Jewish people, both on the basis of history and theology, but with whom our understanding of Jesus differs considerably.