Following the vote by the General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church to change to its canon on marriage to include same-sex couples, a spokesperson for the Church of England said:

"We note the decision of the General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church to amend its canon on marriage.

"This is a matter for the Scottish Episcopal Church.

"The Church of England is unable by law to marry couples of the same sex and the teaching of the Church of England remains unchanged.

"However this is a matter on which there is real and profound disagreement in the Church of England.

"We are seeking to find ways forward rooted in scripture and the Christian faith as we have received it and which values everyone, without exception, not as a 'problem' or an 'issue', but as a person loved and made in the image of God."