

Following the statement from the College of Bishops issued on 15 September 2016, the Church of England has published the terms of reference of the Bishops' Reflection Group on Human Sexuality and the membership of the group.

## **Bishops' Reflection Group on Human Sexuality**

### Terms of Reference

- To assist the Bishops of the Church of England in their reflection on issues relating to human sexuality, in the light of theological, biblical, ecumenical, Anglican Communion, pastoral, missiological, historical and societal considerations bearing on these issues, and following experiences of the shared conversations held around the Church between 2014 and 2016.
- To assist the House of Bishops in identifying questions in relation to human sexuality, with particular reference to same sex relationships. It will also develop possible answers to those questions for the House to consider, as a contribution to the leadership which the House provides to the Church on such issues.
- To provide material to assist the House of Bishops in its reflections in November 2016, and subsequently as requested, and to assist the House in its development of any statements on these matters which it may provide to the wider Church.
- To consider any matter which the Archbishops request that the group should have on its agenda.

### **Membership of Group:**

Rt Revd Graham James, Bishop of Norwich (Chair)

Rt Revd Pete Broadbent, Bishop of Willesden (Vice-Chair)

Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford

Rt Revd Jonathan Goodall, Bishop of Ebbsfleet

Rt Revd Julian Henderson, Bishop of Blackburn

Rt Revd Libby Lane, Bishop of Stockport

Rt Revd Dame Sarah Mullally, Bishop of Crediton

Rt Revd Martin Seeley, Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich

Rt Revd Rod Thomas, Bishop of Maidstone

Rt Revd Dr Jo Bailey Wells, Bishop of Dorking

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The statement from the College of Bishops published on 15th September can be found [here](#).

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