

Living in Love and Faith, a special set of resources exploring questions of human identity, sexuality, relationships, and marriage was launched on 9 November and there are already encouraging signs of hope that the Church is embracing this unique opportunity to learn and reflect together across difference, for the sake of our unity in Christ.



Several dioceses have now appointed 'LLF Advocates', inviting people to reflect on their learning in ways appropriate to local contexts, some even running 'LLF study days' for more than 200 clergy and lay ministers, with others scheduling similar days over the coming months for comparable numbers. Demand for the LLF resources has also been higher than anticipated: the LLF book is currently being reprinted after selling out within just the first two weeks, triggering CHP's highest ever month for online book sales (with the LLF book at number one and the LLF course at number three). There have also been more than 3500 registrations for the online learning hub and near 70,000 views of the LLF pages on the Church of England website since its launch.

LLF draws together the Bible, theology, science, and history with powerful real-life stories, in what is understood to be the most extensive undertaking of any church to hear and articulate as wide a range of voices, lived experiences and theological understandings as possible in this area. The LLF resources – which include a 5-session course for local groups – are designed to facilitate open, honest, and gracious discussion – an evolution of engagement, for churchgoers across the country over the coming year. The LLF process of listening and learning together is expected to be challenging – and for it to flourish, will need us all to exemplify kindness, compassion, love, and grace.

## **Further information**

Access the Living in Love and Faith web pages