

How can we learn to relate better to one another across the differences that we find in our church communities?

A mockup of the Pastoral Principles on an iPad.

A new five-session course - 'The Pastoral Principles for Living and Learning Well Together' - is published today.

It is based on the Church of England's 'Pastoral Principles for Living Well Together', which detail the six 'pervading evils' that hinder our growth as Christians and put up barriers against our churches becoming places of welcome and belonging.

The production of the course was initiated by the Living in Love and Faith Next Steps Group in response to requests for this course to be available as preparation for engagement with the Living in Love and Faith resources.

It comes with free accompanying videos. Each session focuses on one or two of these 'evils' and includes resources for Bible study, reflection, discussion and worship. The course can be used to explore particular topics about which there is disagreement, or used simply as a means of enabling churches to become communities that live more fully in the way of Christ.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby commented: 'The Pastoral Principles Course is a vital tool for equipping individuals and churches to play their part in living well together within the diversity of our church communities and the wider communities in which we live. By exploring the obstacles that hinder us from understanding one another, the course will help church communities to foster deeper relationships and greater unity in this busy and sometimes noisy world.'

The booklet is [available from Church House Publishing in printed form](#) at Â£2.99, or six for Â£15.

It is also available online via the [Pastoral Advisory Group webpage](#).

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