



The draft texts, proposed by the bishops of the Church of England, will be considered by General Synod in February alongside other proposals in response to a six-year process of listening, learning and discernment on questions of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage known as *Living in Love and Faith*.

The bishops have also made a direct public apology to LGBTQI+ people for the way in which the Church has rejected or excluded them, admitting: “We have not loved you as God loves you, and that is profoundly wrong.”

The apology is set out in a pastoral letter from the bishops of the Church of England which also recognises that they disagree over same-sex marriage and proposes a way forward which could be put in action within months.

A report - *Living in Love and Faith: A response from the Bishops of the Church of England about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage* – sets out the bishops' proposals and recommends areas for further work.

There is also a book of draft worship resources – *Prayers of Love and Faith*. It is a range of prayers and readings which could be used in a church service, such as a Service of the Word or a Service within a Celebration of Holy Communion.

Read our [press release](#) for more about the Bishops' immediate response to the Living in Love and Faith journey and download the full report below.

- [A response from the Bishops of the Church of England about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage](#) (503.22 KB)
- [Draft Prayers of Love and Faith](#) (692.51 KB)

## Resources

In their discernment and decision-making, the bishops have drawn upon the resources produced as part of the LLF process. These include the LLF Book and a number of LLF essays that can be found in the [online library](#) on the LLF Hub and are listed in [this document](#).

### Marriage, civil marriage and holy matrimony

- [A Brief History of Marriage Law](#) - Julian Rivers
- [Family and Household](#) - Nathan MacDonald
- [Theology of Marriage](#) - Simon Oliver
- [Christian Theology and the Family](#) - Susannah Cornwall
- [Blessing and LLF](#) - Isabelle Hamley
- [Blessing](#) - Walter Moberly

### The Church and disagreement

- [Unity, Division and Living in Love and Faith as the Church of England](#) - Andy Angel
- [Inclusion and Exclusion in the New Testament](#) - Jennifer Strawbridge
- [Change in the Church: How the Church can change its mind, with particular reference to moral questions](#) - Will Adam
- [Holiness and Inclusivism in Isaiah and Ezekiel: An Exercise in Theological Exegesis](#) - Nathan MacDonald

### Sexuality and disagreement

- [Can channels of grace be in conflict?](#) - Walter Moberly
- [Disagreement about the Bible](#) - Mike Higton
- [Moberly-Wright Conversation](#) - Walter Moberly and Chris Wright
- [Further Thoughts](#) - Walter Moberly and Chris Wright
- [How does God communicate through the canon of Scripture?](#) - Chris Wright
- [Conscience](#) - Sean Doherty

### Bodies and sex

The Body: Holiness and Sin - Amy Daughton

- Bodies, Gender and Sexuality - Isabelle Hamley
- Reflections on the Song of Songs - Walter Moberly

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