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**SEXUAL INTIMACY, RELATIONSHIPS AND MARRIAGE**

Part   Ch	Pages	Part and Chapter title	Heading	What it's about
Part 1 Chapter 3	33-35	Reflecting: what have we received? The Gift of Marriage	Marriage and the gift of sex	Gift of sex as an expression of love, for procreation, reflecting the sacramental character of marriage and human longing for God.
Part 2 Chapter 5	78-85	Paying attention: what is going on? Society	Sex	Overview of sex in contemporary society, including views on pre-marital sex, and numbers of sexual partners.
Part 2 Chapter 6	114-115	Paying attention: what is going on? Science	Sex and well-being	Sex, health and wellbeing, also comparing heterosexual and homosexual sexual activity.
Part 3 Chapter 9	177-182	Making connections: where are we in God's story? A story that embraces all of life	The body   Relationships	Biblical and theological reflection on the significance of bodies, and how this relates to sexual activity.
Part 3 Chapter 9	184-186	Making connections: where are we in God's story? A story that embraces all of life	Power and pain   Reality check	Sex and power. Scripture and the reality of lives and relationships – and the questions they raise.
Part 3 Chapter 10	189-196	Making connections: where are we in God's story? A story about being human	Dignity (especially p 193-196)	The significance of sexual encounters and intimate relationships. Discussion of the equal dignity of LGB people, and whether or not some forms of human conduct, behaviour and desire are more in tune with God's purposes for human beings than others.

Part 3 Chapter 10	197-201	Making connections: where are we in God's story? A story about being human	Diversity	A discussion of the nature of diversity in relation to sexuality: is it all to be celebrated or do some aspects of sexuality reflect our brokenness by sin?
Part 3 Chapter 10	212-217	Making connections: where are we in God's story? A story about being human	Dying and rising	An exploration of sin and how this relates to sexuality.
Part 3 Chapter 12	244-259	Making connections: where are we in God's story? A story about human ways of loving	Marriage   Sex	Discussion of marriage – including Jesus' teaching on marriage – and sex, including a reflection on the Song of Solomon.
Part 4 Chapter 13	280-283	Seeking answers: how do we hear God? The Bible	Marriage and the Bible	An exploration of different approaches to a 'biblical understanding' of marriage, including same-sex and opposite-sex relationships.
Part 4 Chapter 13	283-294	Seeking answers: how do we hear God? The Bible	Reading some relevant texts	Exploration of specific texts relating to sexuality: Genesis 19 (and Judges 19); Leviticus 18.22 and 20.13; Romans 1.26,27; 1 Corinthians 6.9-11; 1 Timothy 1.8-11
Part 5 Scene 2	389-396	Conversing: what can we learn from each other? A conversation about sex and relationships	Sex and relationships	A conversation about sex and relationships, exploring different emphases and viewpoints.

## MARRIAGE

Part   Ch	Pages	Part and Chapter title	Heading	What it's about
Part 1 Chapter 3	23-37	Reflecting: what have we received? The gift of marriage	The foundations of marriage   Mutuality   Fruitfulness   Marriage as a sign   Marriage and the gift of sex   Marriage and the gift that can be lost	Exploration of the tradition the Church of England has received: its scriptural basis and as it is set out in liturgical and other texts.
Part 2 Chapter 5	66-75	Paying attention: what is going on? Society	Relationships	Overview of trends in contemporary society regarding relationships, marriage.
Part 3 Chapter 9	179-182	Making connections: where are we in God's story? A story that embraces all of life	Relationships	An overview of relationships in the Bible, including the evolution of the shape of marriage in Scripture: how 'marriage' was understood and how it functioned. Note there are no accounts of marriage ceremonies, vows, or even blessings of a relationship.
Part 3 Chapter 10	194-195	Making connections: where are we in God's story? A story about being human	Marriage: Questioning the experience of women	A brief history of marriage in England and implications of the church's responsibilities regarding the roles of men and women in marriage today.
Part 3 Chapter 12	244-252	Making connections: where are we in God's story? A story about ways of human loving	Marriage	Overview of understanding marriage as a 'rule of life', and an article on Jesus' teaching on marriage.
Part 4 Chapter 13	280-283	Seeking answers: how do we hear God? The Bible	Marriage and the Bible	An exploration of different approaches to a 'biblical understanding' of marriage.
Part 5 Scene 1	381-385	Conversing: what can we learn from each other? A conversation about marriage	Marriage	An exploration of different views regarding marriage, sex and sexuality, including reference to civil marriage.

## CHURCH UNITY

Part   Ch	Pages	Part and Chapter title	Heading	What it's about
Part 1 Chapter 4	38-49	Reflecting: what have we received? The gift of learning		Understanding the church as a learning community.
Part 2 Chapter 7	135-153	Paying attention: what is going on? Religion	The Church of England   The Anglican Communion	A historical survey of debates regarding divorce and re-marriage, same-sex relationships and trans people in the Church of England, and regarding contraception and same-sex relationships in the Anglican Communion.
Part 3 Chapter 11	218-234	Making connections: where are we in God's story? A story about being Church		Exploration of disagreements about holiness and inclusion, and disagreement and communion, including an explanation of three broad types of disagreement.
Part 4 Chapter 14	311-320	Seeking answers: how do we hear God? Church	Listening to the tradition	Discussion of how the church's tradition – including Scripture, the creeds, the Book of Common Prayer, the Articles of Religion and the role of bishops – shapes discernment.
Part 4 Chapter 14	320-330	Seeking answers: how do we hear God? Church	Listening to and as the whole body	Discussion of how the church goes about discerning the mind of Christ.
Part 5 Scene 4	406-413	Conversing: what can we learn from each other?	A conversation about the life of the Church	A discussion about different approaches to disagreements and their impact on the life of the church.

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Holiness and Inclusivism in Isaiah and Ezekiel: An Exercise in Theological Exegesis - Nathan MacDonald

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