



Listening for the truth in love

**Worcester Diocesan Listening Process
on Human Sexuality**

Some Useful Resources

The key official Church of England texts are:

The original 1991 statement of the House of Bishops:

Issues in Human Sexuality (Church House Publishing) ISBN: 071513745X, £4.95

A long discussion document by a working group of the House of Bishops

Some Issues in Human Sexuality (Church House Publishing) ISBN: 0715138685

£12.95, which also comes with a companion guide

Companion to Some Issues in Human Sexuality Joanna Cox and Martin Davie
(Church House Publishing) ISBN: 0715138715 £2.50

Some of the issues are also addressed in a recent report of the
Doctrine Commission

Being Human: Power, Money, Sex and Time (Church House Publishing)

ISBN: 0715138669 £9.95

Other books and booklets

The report mentioned above *Some Issues in Human Sexuality* has a good bibliography which offers many suggestions to those who want to study many books in depth. Books that are, for various reasons, slightly different include the following:

A Gay-Straight Christian Dialogue (Grove Books) ISBN: 1851746099 £2.95

This booklet, written pseudonymously by "Michael" and "Chris" records a conversation by two clergy, one gay and one straight, who met when they were training together at theological college. It offers a chance to eavesdrop on a thoughtful extended conversation between two friends about their experience.

The Way Forward ed. Timothy Bradshaw (SCM) ISBN: 0334029341 £9.99
This book starts with the “St Andrew’s Day Statement,” agreed and issued by a group of evangelicals seeking to put the traditional position as generously and thoughtfully as possible and invite others to respond. The statement is followed by essays from a range of people of all views responding to the St Andrew’s Day Statement.

Memories of Bliss: God Sex and Us Jo Ind (SCM) ISBN: 033402885X £9.99
A more general, provocative, and unusual reflection of sexuality, not only homosexuality, but the range of human experience. Reflections on we humans as physical beings is given an added depth by the author’s experience of being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis at a relatively young age.

A number of short booklets generally affirming the received interpretation of scripture are published by Grove Books. (www.grovebooks.co.uk). They include: B 16 *A Slippery Slope?* R.T. France (ISBN: 1851744347) looking at issues of biblical interpretation, and E 132 *Homosexuality and the Church of England* Andrew Goddard (ISBN: 1851745521) and *True Union in the Body?* Andrew Goddard and Peter Walker, a booklet encouraged by Archbishop Drexel Gomez of the West Indies in response to Gene Robinson’s consecration..

A short booklet offering a gay affirmative interpretation of scripture is *Permanent, Faithful, Stable - Christian Single-Sex Partnerships* Jeffrey John, available from Affirming Catholicism (www.affirmingcatholicism.org.uk).

There are range of websites that offer much discussion on the subject. Far too many generate more heat than light. However, for factual information about the current state of play within the Anglican Communion (and on a wide range of topics and current affairs), *Anglicans Online* (www.anglicansonline.org) offers straightforward reporting of the news, updated weekly, and *Thinking Anglicans* (www.thinkinganglicans.org.uk), a weblog, offers more frequent updates on news and media discussion. While the main entries are straightforward reporting, the comments on Thinking Anglicans also give a flavour of the anger (and sometimes plain nastiness) that plague these discussions on both sides of the argument.

The books, but not the booklets, mentioned here, are available from the Old Place Library, and the Robin Woods Library in Stourbridge.