



# *Living in Love and Faith*

*Doral Hayes*

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# *What is Living in Love and Faith?*

- ▶ An invitation from the Bishops of the Church of England to really consider issues of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage:
- ▶ That offers a challenge to really listen to others views and lived experience
- ▶ That seeks to be hopeful - that people on all sides can move closer together and understand each other more deeply
- ▶ To examine ourselves openly and honestly
- ▶ To perceive the love of Christ among us.

# *The hope....*

- ▶ “The hope is for people in Church of England churches across the country to use the LLF resources to study and pray together”.
- ▶ “The resources are designed to encourage and enable engagement and learning in a variety of settings. This church-wide learning together, listening to one another, and listening to God is part of discerning a way forward for the Church of England in relation to matters of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage”.

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# Introduction to LLF

- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7A3wt0jqZM>



**THE  
RESOURCES  
INCLUDE:**



**BOOK**



**COURSE**



**LEARNING  
HUB -  
VIDEO'S,  
PODCASTS  
AND  
FURTHER  
READING.**



**FOLLOW THIS LINK TO FIND MORE INFORMATION:**

**[HTTPS://WWW.CHURCHOFENGLAND.ORG/RESOURCES/LIVING-  
LOVE-AND-FAITH/ABOUT-LIVING-LOVE-AND-FAITH](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith/about-living-love-and-faith)**

***What is available to  
support this process ?***

# *Where are we now and what next?*

All are encouraged to engage with the materials and listen to each other:

## *National*

- Responses are requested by the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022. These can be given via the Living in Love and Faith website at [Living in Love and Faith | The Church of England](#)

## *Diocese*

- Every diocese is involved.
- Bishop Stephen has appointed lay and clergy LLF Advocates in each Archdeaconry across the Diocese. He is personally involved, chairing meetings of advocates regularly and collecting feedback about how the process is progressing.

➤ **Deanery**

➤ **Parish**

**What is your parish doing?**

**What is my parish doing?**

## Individually

- Individuals can also complete the course online and responses can also be made online.
- These are live issues in our churches, some of us here this evening have a pastoral responsibility to understand others better who are not like us.
- Please also pray for this process and for all those involved and affected by these issues.



# Story Films

These films represent the views and stories of the individuals concerned. They are told as faithfully as possible and in their own words. They are to be 'received' with openness rather than to be discussed or analysed.

If you do reflect on them in the group, say only what you would say in the presence of the person in the film.

**We are profoundly grateful** to each person who has taken the costly path of sharing their story publicly for the Living in Love and Faith project. Each film has been agreed by the person or people and is told in their own words.

In these story films we encounter people seeking to follow Christ, allowing them to take root in our hearts and prayers. While not necessarily reflecting the teaching of the Church of England, they enrich our learning and invite us to acknowledge the diversity found in the Church today.

- Elaine and Alan
- Alice and Julie
- Alex and Jo

# Questions for consideration

- ▶ What experiences perspectives, hopes and fears do you bring to the LLF conversations?
- ▶ How might we as Deanery encourage engagement and response with LLF process?
- ▶ Are there obstacles and misconceptions that need to be addressed?