

Sexuality- Living it out in Church and Society

“God’s household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.” 1 Timothy 3:15

Living Out Church Audit

The Living Out Church Audit (livingout.org)

Your church family meetings include people who could be labelled LGBTQI+/ are same-sex attracted.

Derogatory language or stereo-typing attitudes towards anyone would not be tolerated either up-front or in conversation between church family members.

All in your church know that we all experience sexual brokenness and all are being encouraged to confess their own sexual sins.

Same-sex sexual relationships are never mentioned in isolation from other sinful patterns of behaviour, or from the forgiveness offered to all through faith in Christ crucified.

All in your church are hearing the same call to radical self-sacrifice of themselves in response to God’s giving of himself in Jesus.

All in your church are encouraged to develop an identity founded first and foremost on their union with Christ

A godly Christian’s sexual orientation would never prevent them from exercising their spiritual gifts or serving in leadership in your church.

God’s gifts of either singleness or marriage are equally promoted, valued and practically supported in your church family’s life together.

Church family members instinctively share meals, homes, holidays, festivals, money, family life with others from different backgrounds and life situations to them.

No-one would be pressurised into expecting or seeking any “healing” or change that God has not promised any of us until the renewal of all things.

Some observations on pastoral care...

Living in Society

Created

Fallen

Redeemed

"I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people- not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral...in that case you would have to leave this world."
1 Corinthians 5:9-10

Pride and Weddings

The overall attitude

"Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us."
1 Peter 2:12

The question mark

Answering the question

The Example of Jesus

"Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
John 4:14