



LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH

All around us we see changing understandings of human identity, changing patterns in relationships and families and changing sexual attitudes and activity. What does it mean for followers of Jesus to walk in love, faith and holiness today?

Nationally, the Church of England is encouraging as many people as possible to engage in a process of reflection and learning around these difficult and sensitive matters and having done so, to feed back their thoughts and feelings into a process of discernment as to how the church might best minister in these changed and changing times. The process is called 'Living in Love and faith' (LLF). Both in the parish church and the wider Deanery we are offering the chance for people to come together (either in person or online) to work through the course material.

On six successive Wednesdays commencing 15th September St Mary's Church, Barnard Castle will run the LLF course in church at 7.00pm for any who wish to attend. (An online course covering the same material will be offered on Thursday evenings (7.00pm) commencing October 21st over Zoom). The course involves discussion, study of scripture and listening (both to one another but also to the stories of others made available to us through video and audio material).

All are welcome.

September 15th: Learning Together: What does it mean to learn together as followers of Jesus Christ?

September 22nd: Identity: How does our identity in Christ relate to sex and gender?

September 29th: Relationships: What kinds of relationships does God call us to?

October 6th: Sex: Where do our bodies and sex fit in to all of this?

October 13th: Life together: How do diversity and difference affect our life together as a church?

October 20th: What next?

A huge range of course material has been made available online. Whether you are able to attend a group or not you may wish to investigate this:

www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith