

DOCTRINE

R44/17

Proclamation of the Gospel

Dr Barry Newman moving, The Rev'd Gavin Parsons seconding

The General Synod –

while abhorring oppression, abuse, cruelty, victimisation and all forms of violence and injustice, and while strongly supporting efforts to deal with such violence and injustice, and

while affirming its deep concern for the poor, the homeless, the lonely, the ill and all who suffer, and while strongly supporting efforts to alleviate such suffering, also

asserts its belief that God loved the world, that his righteous judgement will prevail, that he gave his Son, the Christ to suffer and die for our sins, that he raised him from the dead, that he pours out his Holy Spirit upon his people, that his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ will return in majesty and that he calls all to repent and believe in his son, and strongly supports efforts to proclaim this glorious gospel to the world.

6 September 2017

R48/17

Marriage, same-sex marriage and the blessing of same-sex relationships

Bishop Michael Stead moving, The Rev'd Canon Professor Dorothy Lee seconding

The General Synod –

- (i) recognises that the doctrine of our church, in line with traditional Christian teaching, is that marriage is an exclusive and lifelong union of a man and a woman, and further,
- (ii) recognises that this has been the subject of several General Synod resolutions over the past fifteen years, and also
- (iii) recognises that the nature of marriage is the subject of ongoing conversation within the church and wider community and that we need to listen to each other with care and respect, and
- (iv) acknowledges the experiences and genuine concerns of LGBTIQ+ people within the church and the community, and therefore
- (v) asks the Doctrine Commission to facilitate a respectful conversation in our church by means of a collection of essays on marriage and same-sex relationships that explores Scriptural and theological issues relating to:
 - a. The doctrine of marriage expressed in the formularies of the Anglican Church of Australia
 - b. Our current Australian context, exploring the relationship between the State's definition of marriage and the church's doctrine of marriage
 - c. Key Old Testament and New Testament texts on sex, marriage and friendship
 - d. Scripture and hermeneutics
 - e. A theology of blessing
 - f. A theology of desire
 - g. Godly disagreement on this issue
 - h. The case for and against same-sex marriage and/or the blessing of same-sex unions.

	7 September 2017
R57/17	<p>Request for Doctrine Commission Report</p> <p>The Rev'd James Harricks moving, the Venerable Kara Hartley seconding</p> <p>The General Synod requests the Doctrine Commission to prepare a report on the distinction between the gospel of Christ crucified and the consequences of that gospel.</p> <p>8 September 2017</p>