



## **The Church Council's statements on i) women in ministry and ii) marriage**

### **Statement on Women in ministry:-**

*We believe that men and women are created by God as equal in dignity, worth and status but different in role (in creation, in marriage and in the life of the church).*

*The Church Council has passed a resolution under the House of Bishop's Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests in order to reflect these views on the distinctive ministry of men and women.*

The resolution was passed in July 2016 and reads as follows:-

*"This PCC requests, on grounds of theological conviction, that arrangement be made for it in accordance with the House of Bishops' Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests."*

### **Statement on Marriage :-**

*We believe marriage is ordained by God for the good of mankind and the glory of God and is intended to be between one man and one woman for life.*

*We believe sexual relationships are a precious gift of God and only for the context of such marriage between one man and one woman. We believe other sexual relationships are sinful.*

*We also believe and seek to make clear the grace and forgiveness that comes through Jesus Christ and which extends to all repentant sinners.*

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