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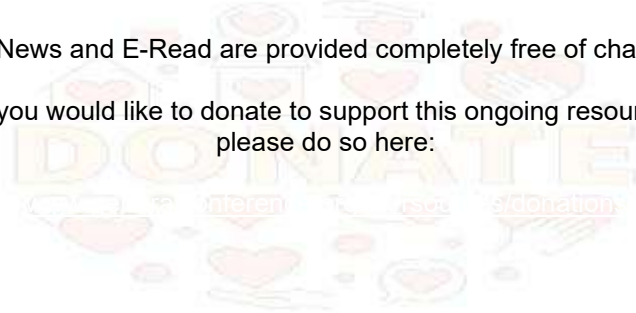
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Same Sex Marriage Consultation

If you've been part of the E-News community for a while, you'll know that the topic of same-sex marriage has been discussed by the ministers for many years. For the past few years, the ministry has made significant progress on agreeing new approaches when making important decisions on contentious issues. This new approach is now being deployed in our efforts to solve the long-standing issue of same sex marriage.

This is an important moment. While the topic remains sensitive for some, it also speaks to love, belonging, and the dignity of every person. Society has moved and many people of faith have moved with it. The ministry believes it's time for an open, honest, and inclusive conversation.

How it will work

You should be receiving a letter in the next few days, asking you to share your views through a confidential poll card, which should be returned by the 29th of May. Over the coming weeks and months, ministers will be creating and sharing a range of resources, which will include videos, articles, workshops and possibly podcasts exploring sex, gender, relationships and marriage.

This is not about telling anyone what to think. The purpose of views being sought is about **listening, learning, and understanding** one another. We expect a wide range of views, and all are welcome.

We want to hear the views of all people who have a connection to the church. This first exercise is about getting a general sense of where the thoughts of current congregations and friends of the church lie. Only then will we know whether there is a willingness within the church to consider allowing same-sex marriage within the General Conference of the New Church.

What happens next

If there is clear support to explore this further, a further process will occur leading towards a formal, confidential ballot for all General Conference members. This vote will decide whether same-sex marriage is permitted.

Each minister will continue to act according to their own conscience and interpretation of Doctrine. Some may choose to conduct same-sex marriages; others, while remaining welcoming to all, may feel unable to do so. Our church has the potential to make space for both.

Staying involved

The ministry values the diversity of our congregations and believes every voice matters. If you would like to take part in the consultation but have not received a letter, please email ministers.secretary@generalconference.org.uk

If you'd like to talk anything through, you're warmly invited to *Meet the Minister* for a confidential and supportive conversation. You can find further information here www.generalconference.org.uk/contact/meet-the-minister or email ministers.secretary@generalconference.org.uk

You can also visit our website www.generalconference.org.uk/same-sex-marriage-consultation which we will regularly update with helpful resources from ministers. The ministry looks forward to sharing our programme of information over the next few months and keep an eye on E-News for more details!

Kearsley Sunday School

Carolyn Kennion writes:

Kearsley Sunday School children worked together to create an Easter morning scene -



Annual Conference 2026

Are you planning to join us for Conference 2026?

Please remember that places are limited, and we would love to see you there!

To ensure your spot, please submit your completed booking forms to Natalie Welch, Company Secretary, no later than Friday 1st May 2026.

Don't delay—send yours today!

Upcoming Events

12 th April	<u>Zoom service of worship – Anne Clarkson</u>
7-10 th April	<u>13-18 Easter Rally - West End Outdoor Centre</u>
24 th April	<u>Meet The Minister</u>
18 th April 10am-4pm	<u>Angels - Discovering the gifts they bring -Wellspring</u>
30 th April	<u>From Clowes to Wilderspin – Online Talk</u>
9 th May 10am-4pm	<u>Sex & Gender Workshop - Wellspring House</u>
10 th May	<u>Zoom service of worship - Revd Becky Jarratt</u>
15 th May	<u>Sacred Circle Dance weekend</u>
18 th May	<u>Meet The Minister</u>
22 nd May	<u>May Family Weekend</u>
24 th May	<u>Zoom service of worship - Revd Jack Dunion</u>
19 th June	<u>Meet The Minister</u>
28 th July	<u>AGM Conference - Hayes</u>

Full details www.generalconference.org.uk/new-church-events/