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CEEC launches films to help churches engage biblically with issues around human sexuality and the implications of any changes in the aftermath of *Living in Love and Faith*

26 April 2022, London, UK: The Church of England Evangelical Council (CEEC) has today released the first two in a collection of films designed to help churches engage with issues around human sexuality and any future changes in either liturgy, doctrine or practice within the Church of England.

Each film is between five and seven minutes in length and is accompanied by a non-prescriptive set of study notes designed to help church leaders guide their congregations biblically through issues around human sexuality. The films can be viewed [here](#).

“Our culture is not silent when it comes to different experiences of sexuality, but sadly many of our evangelical churches still are. This silence causes confusion, pain and isolation for many – most especially those in sexual minority groups. These two short films explore the reasons for the silence and help equip us to share God’s better story that brings life to all”, says Ed Shaw, Ministry Director, Living Out and Co-chair, CEEC.

The films have been launched as the Church of England considers potential change in this area, which could impact its teaching, liturgy or practices, on the back of its Living in Love and Faith (LLF) consultation, which closes at the end of April.

“During the Church of England’s Living in Love and Faith process, it has become apparent both from those evangelical churches that have engaged with LLF and those who have not felt able to do so that many would welcome more help and support. The Bible offers a beautiful and inspiring narrative as to what it is to be made ‘in the image of God’ – a narrative which covers every part of our experience including human sexuality. Through this new collection of short films, we hope to encourage local churches and their leaders to engage with this biblical narrative and the implications of any departure from it by the Church of England”, says Rev. Canon John Dunnett, Director of Strategy and Operations, CEEC.

The CEEC represents Diocesan Evangelical Fellowships (DEFs), a number of societies and networks, Theological Education Institutions (TEIs), evangelical bishops and General Synod members. The full Council membership can be found [here](#).

With potentially significant changes ahead for the Church of England, the CEEC is also launching a regular e-bulletin to keep evangelicals across the country up to date about these and other timely and relevant matters.

“We would love to see many, many people across the country receiving these updates – and we need local church leaders to encourage people to sign up”, continues Dunnett.

Anyone can subscribe to receive the e-bulletin every four to six weeks providing they sign up to the CEEC's basis of faith. Click here to [sign up](#).

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Notes to editors

About the CEEC

CEEC was first created by John Stott to provide a "collective" evangelical voice within the Church of England, was registered as a UK charity in December 1969 and incorporated in September 2003.

CEEC exists to provide for the continuing need for an overarching group to which evangelical organisations, networks, institutions and churches can belong, based on common understanding of the Christian faith and its Anglican expression, and united by a common vision to promote and maintain orthodox evangelical theology, ethics and liturgy at the heart of the Church of England. DEF's (Diocesan Evangelical Fellowships) are the de facto representative bodies of CEEC in each diocese.

CEEC aims to encourage evangelism, bible-based and Christ-centred formation of discipleship, evangelical leadership within the Church of England, and evangelical unity within and outside Anglicanism.

The membership of CEEC includes representation from Diocesan Evangelical Fellowships, Theological Colleges, evangelical networks including New Wine, Junia, CPAS, Church Society, CMS, Crosslinks and Fulcrum, and bishops.

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