

# CEEC

## The Church of England Evangelical Council

*Bringing evangelical bishops, leaders, networks, churches and organisations together*

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A joint statement by the trustees of the Church of England Evangelical Council (CEEC) on the publication of the report on Jonathan Fletcher, by the independent safeguarding charity Thirtyone:eight.

**“This is a time of lament for Anglican evangelicals as we humbly reflect on this report, carefully listen to survivors, and repent of all we need to change. Please join us in praying for the many affected by Jonathan Fletcher’s abuse and for Christlikeness in all those who seek to serve his people.**

**A range of resources to help Anglican evangelicals in a time of lament will be added to the CEEC website in the coming weeks. We hope in due course to also add further recommended resources and commentary on cultural changes needed.”**

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## Notes to editors

CEEC was first created by the late Revd Dr John Stott, once described by *Time* magazine as being among the world's 100 most influential people. It was set up 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.

The term 'evangelical' does not refer to a style of worship but to orthodox Christian beliefs encapsulated in the Church of England's Canon A5 (*"The doctrine of the Church of England is grounded in the Holy Scriptures, and in such teachings of the ancient Fathers and Councils of the Church as are agreeable to the said Scriptures. In particular such doctrine is to be found in the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, The Book of Common Prayer, and the Ordinal"*). Literally, the word 'evangelical' comes from the Greek word for 'good news'.

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.

Evangelical networks which are member organisations of CEEC include Church Society, CMS, CPAS, Crosslinks, Fulcrum, Junia Network and New Wine.

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